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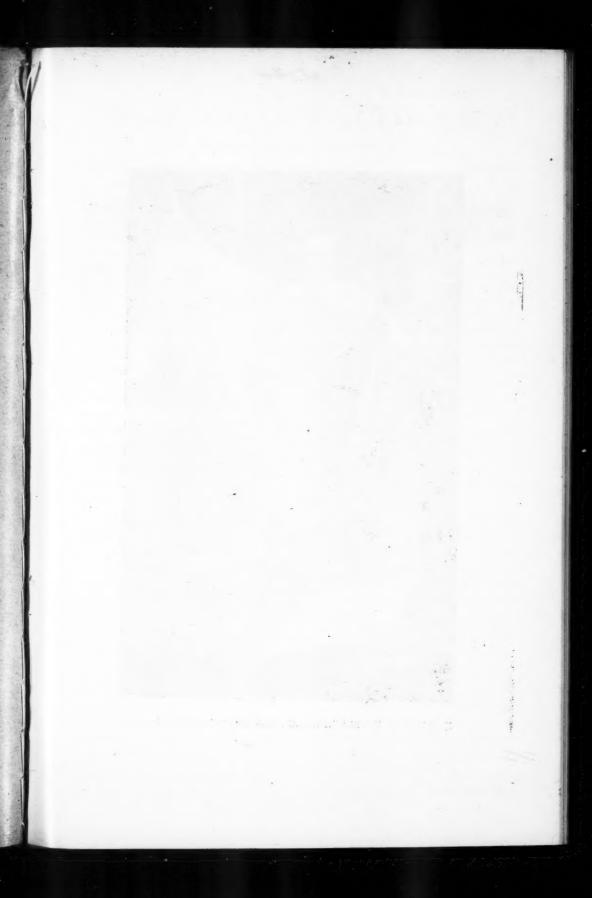


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KING EDWARD VII, IN CORONATION ROBES, CROWNED AUGUST 9, 1902.

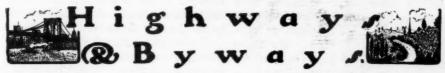
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from one hand to another." bury's retirement from active politics, has ability have been most conspicuously applied This, however, is not at all unnatural.

him as prime minister, is a statesman of the general policy. same school. Neither has exhibited special sympathy with the democratic spirit, but and Lord Salisbury there are intellectual and of tradition. Lord Salisbury is cold, re- is a metaphysician, a cultured and speculaserved, somewhat cynical, fond of abstruse tive writer, and a skilled debater. studies, detached and independent. In some political opinions are rather uncertain, and of his speeches he was blunt and even con- he is said to be wanting in resolution. But temptuous of public opinion. He had not he has self-restraint, patience, good-nature the enthusiasm, the moral earnestness, the and tolerance, and these qualities have made zeal, the passion of a Gladstone, but his long him popular even with the opposition. His career has on the whole been successful, political career has been remarkable. He distinguished, and useful. He commanded was first elected to the Commons in 1874, respect; he was never followed with the and has held many important positions. He blind devotion and affection which Gladstone was chief secretary for Ireland for four aroused.

three times - in 1885 for a few months; in resumed when the Conservatives returned to 1886, remaining in power till 1892, and power, and he will continue to hold it in since June, 1895, to the day of his with- conjunction with the premiership. drawal on account of declining health and

LMOST in silence," to use the words it is understood, literary and scientific of the London Spectator, "without studies. His last ministry was a coalition a jar, with no uproar in parlia- body, and contained a number of Liberalment and no popular demonstra- Unionists, representing the anti-Home Rule tion, the command of that huge bark, wing of the Liberals. Lord Salisbury enthe British Empire, has been transferred tered public life in 1853, and in 1866 was The great made a member of Lord Derby's ministry. change which the world has witnessed with He soon became known as an authority on deep interest, consequent upon Lord Salis- Indian affairs. However, his power and not produced a tremor in business circles or to foreign politics, and Lord Salisbury is held a ripple of excitement "on the street." to have been one of the greatest foreign ministers the United Kingdom has had. He In Great Britain principles govern, not has made many alliances and solved many men. Lord Salisbury was the representative problems, but his last notable achievement, of historic, aristocratic Toryism, and Mr. the alliance with Japan, has been declared Arthur J. Balfour, his nephew, who succeeded a blunder even by journals friendly to his

Between Mr. Balfour, the new premier, neither is a reactionary, fanatical defender moral, as well as physical, ties. Mr. Balfour years, and in 1891 he was government leader Lord Salisbury has been prime minister of the House of Commons. This office he

Mr. Balfour has announced no change of the desire to enjoy a well-earned rest and, policy in any direction. Doubtless it was

Englishmen almost indifferent to the change. poned. Had Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary,

LORD SALISBURY.

ies, who constitute an excellent the majority of the supremacy. present Conservative party, are known to fear Mr. Chamberlain

remain in the colonial office, but he will be more influential than ever, owing to the retirement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the chancellor of the exchequer, who has been his chief opponent in fiscal matters. Sir to such reversion by preferential duties strikers into submission. on colonial imports. He has never been budgets have been severely criticised. His recent corn duty, a sop to the "fair traders," has been especially condemned by the progressive elements of the country. However, But Mr. Balfour's definite assurances of con- meet those requirements. tinuity of policy have allayed the fears of

the knowledge that he would follow in Lord the free-traders, and the zollverein project Salisbury's steps that rendered the mass of may be regarded as indefinitely post-

Changes in the personnel of the cabinet, succeeded Lord Salisbury, England, the em- in addition to those already announced, pire, and indeed the whole civilized world there will be, but they will not involve any would have been stirred by anticipations of substantial modification of the Unionist proimportant develop- gram. An early dissolution of Parliament is ments. Mr. Cham- predicted by some English observers of the berlain was the political situation, but the government has strongest man in the unfinished tasks to carry through and the ap-Salisbury cabinet, peal to the country may be delayed. Meanand many believe time the Liberals, encouraged by the developthat he was entitled ments, are coming together and consolidatto the first place after ing for the next general election. Mr. his chief's retire- Balfour may reveal unsuspected qualities, ment. But the Tor- but as matters now stand, the Liberals have opportunity of regaining

The Miners' Strike and the Public.

There has been no change in the anthraand to be unwilling to follow him. He will cite coal strike situation up to the date of this writing. The miners have shown no disposition to resume work on the previous terms, and the operators, especially the coalcarrying railroad companies, have made no attempt to resume mining, though they Michael is a convinced free-trader, and assert that thousands are ready to return to he has strenuously opposed all attempts work. Some of the operators have plainly at restoring protection or paving the way stated that their policy is to starve the

The national convention of the United Mine considered a financial expert, and his Workers voted against a "sympathetic" strike in the bituminous coal fields - on grounds of principle as well as of expediency and self-interest. Had all the miners in the national union suspended work, it would were all the facts in the case known, it is have been impossible to secure funds suffiprobable that Sir Michael would be praised cient to maintain in idleness an army of for what he has prevented rather than 400,000 men, the majority of whom have blamed for such concessions as he has reluc- families to support. It is no easy undertaktantly made. Mr. Chamberlain has distinctly ing to provide the 140,000 strikers of the repudiated free trade doctrines as "economic anthracite region, and the West Virginia pedantry," and, if he could have his way, miners who are out for reasons of their certain decisive measures would be taken at own, with the necessaries of life, but the once toward the establishment of the much- soft coal miners and labor organizations gendiscussed imperial zollverein (customs union). erally have determined to do their utmost to

But there is a moral side to the question.

In many cases the soft coal miners have an them of trifling with the people and arbitrawith the union, and represent the "recogni- obligation rests upon owntion" which the miners have so far been ers of coal mines. Coal unable to obtain from the anthracite opera- is essential to industry, tors. A violation of them would certainly and a strike does not jushave imperilled the results of long and hard tify indefinite suspension struggles, and might have been a serious of mining when the acblow to the cause of unionism. The senti- cumulated stock is inment, among employers and the public, sufficient to supply the against sympathetic strikes is undoubtedly public need at a reasonable very strong, and the conservative labor rate. The resumption of leaders admit the validity of the objections to ownership of the mines what they regard as a last and heroic by the state, under emiremedy. Such strikes, when in contraven- nent domain, has been tion of an agreement, defeat the essential suggested in certain object of the labor movement.

While the miners have won much praise cant that the idea is not for their attitude, the operators have alienated considerable support by their persistent refusal to accept arbitration or to recognize in any way whatever the interests of the public. Influential newspapers which at first defended them, have latterly been charging

HARD LINES.

PATIENT BRITISH ASS (to himself) "Blest if I can feel a penn'orth o' difference between this old gal and the one that's just got off!'

-London Punch.

agreement with the operators covering rily disregarding the implied conditions of wages, hours, and conditions of work and, their charters. Railway companies, it is by implication, if not expressly, binding the argued, are expected to give the public men to remain at work during the period steady and proper service, regardless of fixed therein. These contracts are made strikes or other difficulties, and a similar

quarters, and it is signifi- New Premier of Great



ARTHUR J. BALFOUR. Britain.

attacked as vehemently as it would have been half a dozen years ago.

The tenor and character of conservative comment on the position of the operators may be indicated by a few typical quotations. The New York Evening Post says:

The issue is perfectly simple. It is the duty of the operators to furnish coal to the public. If they cannot resume work with their old employees, they are bound to seek others, and to protect the newcomers. If the Pennsylvania law requiring miners to pass an examination and secure certificates prevents the operators from fully manning the mines at first, let them begin with whatever force they can obtain. The essential thing is to begin - to serve notice that any man legally qualified to mine coal who is ready to work upon the terms offered can have both employment and assurance of safety. This is what the great companies have refused to do, and still refrain from doing. Their attitude is that of obstructionists; they will not make terms with their old employees, and they will not hire new ones and the public must pay the penalty. There has never been such a situation in any great labor controversy in this country, and the few men who control the great companies are greatly mistaken if they suppose that they can long maintain so indefensible a position.

The New York Times speaks of the inertia and inaction of the "capitalists who have monopolized a natural product of prime necessity" as " probably without precedent," and says that their attitude warrants interdeemed necessary. The Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican says:

A private ownership of an invaluable store of nature, of the most liberal and public-spirited character, would ordinarily be considered unwise; but what is to be said of such an ownership when it assumes the attitude observable in this case, that it is none of the public's business how the industry is conducted, or non-conducted, or at what profit or prices or regard for the popular need, which declines to arbitrate differences with its employes on the ground that it will manage affairs wholly as it pleases, and which considers it a small matter that millions of people freeze beside the right to consult its own absolute will and profit regardless of all else?

The coal monopoly is forcing upon the people as fast as ever it can the conviction that this is a wealth and industry which cannot safely be left in private hands. If monopoly-ridden Pennsylvania cannot be moved to take over the mines into public ownership or control, the government of the United States will be compelled to consider ways of national action in the matter.

"The rights of the third party" to widespread and acute industrial conflicts - namely, the consuming classes - are beginning to receive serious consideration. Legally, strikes and lockouts, however unreasonable and inimical to the popular welfare they may be, are "necessary evils," but the moral obligation to avert them is more and more insisted upon by public opinion. Rigid, inelastic conceptions of private property and of "contract" rights as acquired by franchises and charters are encountering no little hostility. Compulsory arbitration is no longer indignantly rejected as an impossible and utterly un-American solution of the narrower problem of capital and labor.

In connection with this grave and complex question there has been revived the cry of "government by injunction." In West Virginia federal judges Jackson and Keller have issued sweeping orders against the miners on strike in that state and the officers and organizers of the national miners' union, restraining them from interfering with the operators or their employees, from threatening violence, intimidation, or even from "inducing" strikes by appeals and persuasion calculated to intimidate or overawe non-

ference by the legislature and the imposition union men. One injunction has been issued upon them of restrictions never before at the instance of a third party, a company having nothing to do with the mining of coal but having contracts with the tied-up collieries for the handling of their output, the theory of this order being that the strikers, by conspiracy and unlawful acts, have indirectly injured this complainant and prevented it from carrying on its business. These injunctions, defended by many as proper and necessary, are denounced by others as judicial legislation and usurpation. Judge Jackson tried a number of strikers or organizers for contempt of court in violating his injunction and sentenced them to imprisonment, and such "contempt" proceedings in criminal cases (that is, in cases where the act of contempt constitutes a violation of the criminal code) are pronounced by many to be repugnant to the constitutional rights of trial by jury and proper indictment. This subject will be discussed at some length in our next issue.

The Vatican and the Philippines.

Governor Taft's mission in Rome was not wholly successful, but there is no ground for representing the negotiations with the Vatican to have ended in failure. Doubtless



HOT AND COLD.

UNCLE SAM-I declare that does look more comfortable to hold this kind of weather.

-Minneapolis Journal.

near future. There has, unfortunately, been a given time. considerable reckless talk and writing on the the matter is very simple.

There is no "religious issue" in the Americans, and to Philippines. There can be none under the instruct the friars not jurisdiction of the United States. No relig- to return to their ious teaching is permitted in the schools of parishes; but it dethe archipelago, and no proselyting. government places all religious beliefs on an not recall the friars equal footing; each denomination being a within any fixed pervoluntary association for the purpose of iod. It is understood worship and propaganda outside public insti- that Spain and the tutions supported by taxation. The Vatican powerful religious understands the American system, and cannot orders opposed the have expected the United States to give offi- American proposicial sanction to Roman Catholicism in the tion, and their influ-Philippines. There has been no discrimina- ence proved controlltion, no interference with Catholic teaching, no encouragement of Protestant propaganda. In religious matters the Philippine government is strictly neutral.

Philippines. There is intense hostility to the friars (with the exception of some orders) on the part of the natives, and it is imposfrom which they were expelled during the Manila, are prevented from serving the would ensue.

Taft urged this solution upon the Pope and without friction or excitement."

the chief question was left open, but a satis- his advisers, and desired a definite agreefactory settlement will be reached in the ment to recall the objectionable friars within

This suggestion the Vatican declined to subject, and even attempts to excite political entertain. It was ready to promise to inprejudice and mischief have been made. Yet troduce gradually the clergy of other nation-

> alities, especially The clared that it could ing - for the time Governor of the Philippine being.



WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Of course, the friars, in common with all other Spanish citizens in the Philippines, are The question which has caused trouble is under the protection of the treaty of Paris. the presence of the Spanish friars in the Their personal and property rights are as secure as those of any other element. No expulsion, coercion, expropriation, or any other drastic means of carrying out the sible for the former to return to the parishes American desideratum was ever contemplated. The negotiations for the purchase insurrection against Spain. The conditions of the friars' property will go on, and in are such that these friars, congregated at due time the other vexed question will be quickly adjusted. The prospects of the church in the positions to which they were friars are not bright, and the Vatican will assigned. The natives would resist their find it necessary and advantageous to recall resumption of their duties, and disorder them and substitute other agents of the church. In reality the interests of the In view of these facts the United States Vatican coincide with those of the United long since decided to purchase the land and States in this direction, but the problem is other property of the friars and hold these one that requires tact and patience. In the possessions in trust for the population. To words of Archbishop Ireland, who rebuked this the Vatican and the American Catholics certain Catholic editors for imputing injushave agreed; but what is to become of the tice to the government and misinterpreting friars? The government suggested their its intentions, "with a little time, certain withdrawal from the islands by the Vatican matters now seeming to offer great difficulin the interest of peace and harmony and the ties will be made, by skilful touches of ponprogress of the church herself. Governor tifical diplomacy, to work themselves out

Punishing Torture and Inhumanity.

"The honor of the army" will not be an issue in the fall campaign - a fact upon which all parties may be congratulated. The Republicans will be unable to fasten on the Democrats the charge of traducing and slandering the American army, while the latter will be compelled to abandon the charge that the war department and the administration have been suppressing the truth as to the conduct of the Philippine army and shielding officers or soldiers who have disgraced their flag and country by unnecessary brutality and violation of the laws of civilized warfare.

President Roosevelt has said from the first that nothing could possibly excuse torture or savagery on the part of American officers and soldiers, and that every one duly convicted of outrage upon the natives would be punished for his offense. General Jacob H. Smith was the first officer to suffer under these presidential declarations. ordering Major Waller "to burn and kill," to take no prisoners, to slay all natives above the age of ten, the court-martial found him guilty and sentenced him to a reprimand from the constitutional commander-in-chief of the army. The lightness of the penalty was due to the fact that, in the opinion of the court, General Smith did not "mean everything he said" on the occasion in question, was not "taken literally" by his subordinates, and was not followed.

In approving the sentence Secretary Root wrote that, while General Smith had signally failed in his duty, and "was guilty of intemperate, inconsiderate and violent expressions, which, if accepted literally, would grossly violate the humane rules governing American armies in the field, and, if followed, would have brought lasting disgrace upon the military service in the United States," the fact was that "no women or children or helpless theless General Smith's usefulness was

list. In directing such retirement President Roosevelt wrote:

It is impossible to tell exactly how much influence language like that used by General Smith may have had in preparing the minds of those under him for the commission of the deeds which we regret. Loose and violent talk by an officer of high rank is always likely to excite to wrongdoing those among his subordinates whose wills are weak or whose passions are strong.

It was supposed that the execution, without proper trial or inquiry, of twelve Samar natives, by order of Major Waller was justified by the latter on the ground of General Smith's discreditable instructions, and were that the case, General Smith would be clearly responsible for the atrocious deed, of which the President said:

In the recent campaign ordered by General Smith the shooting of the native bearers by the orders of Major Waller was an act which sullied the American name. and can be but partly excused because of Major Waller's mental condition at the time, this mental condition being due to the fearful hardship and suffering which he had undergone in his campaign.

But it seems that Major Waller, at his trial assumed full responsibility for the deed, claiming justification under the laws of war. The verdict of acquittal in his case, as well as in that of Lieutenant Day, who carried out the order, was disapproved by General Chaffee, who stated in a review of the cases that "there was no overwhelming necessity. no impending danger, no imperative interests, and, upon the part of the natives, no overt acts to justify the summary course pursued." He further declared that "the laws of war do not sanction, and the spirit of the age will not suffer, that any officer may, upon the dictates of his own will, inflict death upon helpless prisoners committed to his care," and that "any other view looks to the methods of the savage and away from the reasonable demands of civilized nations that war shall be prosecuted with the least possible cruelty and injustice."

The honor of the army, like the honor of persons or non-combatants or prisoners were the country, demands strict adherence to put to death in pursuance of them." Never- civilized methods of warfare. It demands exposure and punishment of those who, in deemed to be at an end, and Secretary Root violation of the government's instructions, recommended his retirement from the active resorted to torture and unnecessary cruelty.



THE CAMPANILE, IN THE PIAZZA OF ST. MARK'S, VENICE, NOW FALLEN IN RUINS.

This demand the president is evidently deter- for the year in comparison with those for mined to heed and enforce. There have been the two preceding years: irregular trials and miscarriages of justice in these deplorable cases, but measures have been taken to prevent the repetition of such failures. American civilization will be fully vindicated, and the army purged of weak and brutal men whose conduct no truly patriotic American, no enlightened man, can possibly defend.



Our Foreign Trade for 1902.

of the fiscal year 1902 were rather exceptional, and the statistics as to our exports and imports for that twelvemonth hardly permit conclusions of a definite nature. referred to a single formula.

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	EXPO	RTS.	
	1902.	1901.	1900.
Domestic Foreign	, , ,	\$1,460,462,806 27,302,185	\$1,370,763,571 23,719,511
Total	\$1,382,033,407	\$1,487,764,991	\$1,394,483,082
	IMPO	RTS.	
Free	\$396,850,501	\$339,608,669	\$367,236,866
Dutiable	506,060,807	483,563,496	482,704,318
Total		\$823,172,165 664,592,826	\$849,911,184 544,541,898

The apparent loss in exports amounts to over \$105,731,000; the imports were much The industrial and commercial conditions the largest of any year on record. agree that the increase in our purchases of foreign goods is natural and advantageous to this country. Prosperity produces a greater demand for finished articles of com-Neither the high-protectionists nor the ad- fort and luxury, which Europe supplies. herents of "the Buffalo platform" - free This, however, accounts for but a small part trade and reciprocity - can draw much sup- of the addition to the unprecedented total of port from these figures. There is shown a imports. The greater part consisted of raw heavy decline in exports, and a remarkable materials for our manufacturing industries. increase in imports, but neither fact can be Our mills and factories were running at full capacity and working overtime, though the Here is a table giving the trade returns surplus for export was smaller than in 1901.

power of the home market.

was, indicated no loss of foreign custom, no tified the dubious means of effecting it, check to commercial expansion. The manuance to the American invasion. The division of our exports in the last three years is shown in the following table:

1902. 1901. 1900. Agricultural\$775,624,206 \$867,238,579 \$767,504,382 Non-agricultural 580,197,134 593,224,227 603,259,189

The failure of our corn crop last year is reflected in a decrease in the exports of that staple amounting to \$66,000,000. The Old World would gladly have taken more of our agricultural products, but we had less to spare than in a good crop year. The crops and prosperity are closely connected, and it is gratifying to say that the prospects for the present fiscal year as to agriculture are excellent.

Gold exports and imports nearly balanced in 1902, and the apparent balance of trade in our favor was over \$479,000,000. In spite of this excess of exports, we have been borrowing from Europe and investing foreign capital in new and reorganized industries. Heavy shipments of gold are anticipated, and some financiers apprehend a monetary stringency this fall. There is supposed to be no idle money in the country - except that locked up in the Treasury vaults

A Blow to Special Legislation.

Inhibition of special legislation for one or a few municipalities is a familiar feature of modern state constitutions. It is regarded as a safeguard against partisan assaults on home rule and statutory interference with local government. The limitation has been disregarded almost everywhere, with the approval or connivance of the courts. What is called "ripper" legislation, manifestly repugnant to the principle of home rule, has been sustained in Pennsylvania and in other states, but these were extreme instances of

Paradoxical as this may seem, the explana- a general tendency. In many cases exception lies in the unusual activity and absorbing tional local conditions demanded special legislation, and the constitutional prohibition has The decrease in exports, substantial as it been evaded on the theory that the end jus-

In Ohio the supreme court has at last been facturers have almost held their own; the forced to call a halt to special legislation. farmers suffered from natural conditions In two startling decisions it annulled a ripper rather than from the much-discussed resist- act aimed against Mayor Jones of Toledo (which deprived him of the control of the police board and vested it in a commission independent of him), and declared invalid the special charter under which the city of Cleveland has been governed for ten years. The Toledo case was a victory for home rule, but the decision in the Cleveland case was in itself by no means agreeable to the progressive elements, for the system of municipal government it overthrew had worked well. But it is generally admitted that the decisions are salutary, brave, and sound, and that Ohio cities will be greatly benefited by them.

> As elsewhere, the method by which the Ohio legislators evaded the definite provisions against special legislation for one or a few cities was that of "classification." Laws applicable to but one city or a few cities are made general in form and made to bear upon a certain class, while in fact the "class" may contain but one city. The trick is well



The Czar sees Tracks on the Top Sand. -Pittsburg Gazette.

understood, and no detailed description of it is necessary here. In Ohio, it seems, it has been absurdly abused. The cities have been divided into classes, and some classes have been subdivided into grades. "An act for all cities of the first class, third grade" sounds "general"; but in fact it is special legislation. In Ohio the "classification" plan is said to have led to such grotesque "general laws" as this: "An act in relation to cities having a population not less than 27,690 or more than 27,720"! In the words of the supreme court:

The eleven principal cities of the state are isolated, so that an act conferring corporate power upon one of them by classified description confers it upon no other. They have been isolated under the guise of classification.

This fabric of false pretense, sophistry, and evasion has now been overthrown. Scores of municipalities are in the same case with Cleveland, their municipal governments, whether good or bad, being illegal. It is necessary to provide a new code for the government of cities - one that will stand constitutional tests and at the same time meet the modern ideas of home rule and respect for local wishes and conditions. Several plans are under consideration, and a special session of the legislature has been called to deal with the problem. Municipal reformers declare that Ohio has a splendid opportunity to adopt a modern, sound, honest municipal code, and hope that the chance will not be thrown away. Dr. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, a progressive and competent student of civic questions, has outlined a scheme of reform which, if constitutional, would seem to solve the problem most satisfactorily. He proposes a general law for the calling of charter conventions in all cities, in which conventions the representainterest.

Lynchings and the Federal Power.

Is there constitutional authority in congress to enact an anti-lynching law—that is, to provide for the trial and punishment of lynchers in the courts of the United States? An article in a legal journal by ex-Attorney-General Pillsbury of Massachusetts, and a resolution introduced in the senate by Mr.



MONUMENT JUST ERECTED IN MEMORY OF ALPHONSE DAUDET IN THE CHAMPS ÉLYSÉES.

Gallinger of New Hampshire have directed public attention to this question. Senator Gallinger proposes a congressional inquiry into the subject of lynch law, with the view of ascertaining whether the federal government may undertake to eradicate the evil. He disclaims partisan motives, frankly recogtives of the people should be empowered to nizing that lynching is not a peculiar product frame for each city its own charter. These of southern conditions. He asserts that in charters should be submitted to the people the last ten years 2,658 lynchings have for approval or rejection, and they should be occurred in the United States, and in very made subject to revision by conventions at few cases did punishment follow the assault intervals of ten years. This plan would give by the mob on the orderly administration of home rule under a law uniform in operation. justice. Has the federal government, he The Ohio situation is watched with deep asks, no duty, no responsibility, no power in the premises?

The Judiciary Committee of the senate evidently holds that congress is powerless to



DR. JOSEPH SWAIN. New President of Swarthmore College.

ers of the govern-

legislation. from it."

In accordance with this reasoning Mr. a citizen of the United States to death, in default of his protection by the state, should be deemed a violation of the peace of the United States and an offense against the nation.

The Judiciary Committee dissented from the premises and therefore rejected the conclusion as embodied in the bill. It will therefore, in all probability, report adversely upon Mr. Gallinger's resolution. But a considerable number of newspapers have indorsed the proposition, arguing that the United States is not a nation if it cannot protect its citizens and enforce the provisions of the constitution without the aid and consent of the states.

No Right to "Privacy."

The law, at least in the state of New protect the lives of American citizens from York, does not recognize the alleged individmob violence. It recently made an adverse ual right to privacy. The court of appeal, report upon a bill presented at the request finally disposing of the much discussed of Mr. Pillsbury, an able and experienced Rochester case, in which certain companies student of penology were sued for damages for using in their and jurisprudence, advertisements and on barrel-labels the porproviding for the trait of a young girl, held recently that the trial of lynchers by lower tribunals had erred in issuing an the federal courts. injunction to restrain further use of the The principle of the plaintiff's portrait, and in deciding that bill was explained and equity might intervene to protect a private defended in the person's right to privacy. Accordingly, article referred to. the decree of the court below was reversed Mr. Pillsbury con- and the plaintiff was declared to have no tended that the pow- remedy at law or in equity.

Doubtless the court of appeals sympathized ment were neces- with the young woman whose feelings had sarily coextensive been outraged by unwelcome publicity and with its obliga- the unauthorized use of her likeness, but it tions, and that the felt itself constrained to rule that, in the Fourteenth Amendment, in creating citi- absence of specific and express legislation zenship and guaranteeing the equal protec- limiting the right of publishing pictures, tion of the laws, authorized congress to caricatures, or alleged news of private perenforce these provisions by appropriate sons, even in so apparently clear a case as "Citizenship of the United that in question, equity could grant no relief States," says Mr. Pillsbury, "is now the without stretching established legal prinprimary right and status, proceeding direct- ciples and creating dangerous precedents. ly from the federal government, while In other words, the court declined to state citizenship is secondary and derivative supplement existing law by "judicial legislation."

In these days of excessive publicity and Pillsbury's bill provided that the putting of the abuses to which it gives rise the question of privacy as a right enforced by law is of general interest. The following extracts from the opinion of Chief Justice Parker in the case under discussion challenge careful consideration:

> The so-called right of privacy is, as the phrase suggests, founded upon the claim that a man has the right to pass through this world, if he wills, without having his picture published, his business enterprises discussed. his successful experiments written up for the benefit of others, or his eccentricities commented upon either in hand-bills, circulars, catalogues, periodicals, or newspapers, and necessarily that the things which may not be written and published of him must not be spoken of him by his neighbors, whether the comment be favorable or otherwise. While most persons would much prefer to have a good likeness of themselves appear in a responsible periodical or leading newspaper

asked to assert in support of a recovery in this action equity, and that the publication of that which purports to be a portrait of another person, even if obtained courage the English Bible, upon the street by an impertinent individual with a now honored by name in camera, will be restrained in equity, on the ground many school laws and state that an individual has the right to prevent his features from becoming known to those outside of his circle of and studied as a literary friends and acquaintances.

If such a principle be incorporated into the body of the law through the instrumentality of a court of equity, the attempts to logically apply the principle will necessarily result, not only in a vast amount of litigation, but in litigation bordering upon the absurd, for the right of privacy, once established as a legal doctrine, cannot be confined to the restraint of the publication of a likeness, but must necessarily embrace as well the publication of a word picture, a comment upon one's looks, conduct, domestic relations, or habits.

And were the right of privacy once legally asserted, it would necessarily be held to include the same things if spoken instead of printed, for one, as well as the other, invades the right to be absolutely let alone. An insult would certainly be in violation of such a right, and with many persons would more seriously wound the feelings than would the publication of their picture.

This is not an argument against legislative limitations upon publicity, free speech, and free publication; it is merely an argument against the incorporation of the principle invoked by the plaintiff into the body of law by a court of equity. The legislature may (the constitution permitting) prohibit what it pleases and stop where it pleases; equity must follow general principles. An attempt will probably be made to secure the right to privacy by statutory enactment.



The Bible in the Schools.

Educators and thoughtful citizens generally have been discussing with much interest one of the declarations made by the National Educational Association at its late annual convention. It has reference to the study of the Bible as literature rather than as theology in the public schools. While the question is not new, the formal utterance is deemed significant. It runs as follows:

rather than upon the advertising card or sheet, the as a masterpiece of literature is rapidly decreasing doctrine which the courts are asked to create for this among the pupils in our schools. This is the direct case would apply as well to the one publication as to result of a conception which regards the Bible as a the other, for the principle which a court of equity is theological book merely, and thereby leads to its exclusion from the schools of some states as a subject of is that the right of privacy exists and is enforceable in reading and study. We hope and ask for such a change of public sentiment in this regard as will permit and en-

constitutions, to be read work of the highest and purest type, side by side with the poetry and prose which it has inspired and in large part formed.

Dr. Butler, the president of Columbia University, delivered a spirited address at the conference in which the same suggestion was elabo- New President of the Unirately argued. Dr.



HENRY SMITH-PRITCHETT, versity of Wisconsin.

Butler pointed out that without a knowledge of the Bible is impossible to appreciate the finest and richest literature of the English-speaking nations, or even to understand the basic elements of Anglo-Saxon civilization. He contended that the Bible has been driven from the schools, and largely from the homes, of the American people in consequence of " sectarian bickerings and unprofitable disputations over interpretation of isolated passages," and he pleaded for the subordination of all minor differences to the great object of restoring the Scriptures, a well of English undefiled, noble, impressive, and stately, to the public schools and the minds of the growing generation.

While the force of this plea is generally recognized, several lay editors express the fear that the proposal is impracticable, since it implies that the Bible is viewed by most Christians primarily as literature. Agnostics, it is said, might agree to have the Scriptures studied as mere literature, but upon it of a representative body of educators would this be approved by the conscience of earnest and devout believers? Would not, It is apparent that familiarity with the English Bible it is asked, the effect of such treatment of that the Bible was nothing but literature?

clear that the present policy is less inimical problems, his innate modesty, beautiful sim-

country.



most efficient and

universally beloved





CHARLES W. NEEDHAM, New President of the Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

officers of that church, as well as one of the best-known workers in the interests of missions. He was born in Somerville, N. J., in 1835, and went to China under the Methodist Episcopal board in 1858, arriving in Foo Chow after a voyage of one hundred and forty-seven days. He labored in this field, with intermissions, for about twenty years, and performed conspicuous service as a preacher, pastor, translator, and editor. Upon returning to this country in 1880 he entered the pastorate, and in 1888 was elected to the responsible position which he filled most acceptably until his death.

He was probably the best informed member of the various mission boards with reference to missionary work in China, and the East. The Presbyterian Foreign Board in the minute which it adopted upon his death said that "probably a greater number of missionaries relied upon his sympathy and judgment than upon those of any other living man." His remarkable facility in speaking Chinese, his extensive and accurate knowl-

the Bible be prejudicial to religion in that it work in every part of the world, his attractwould familiarize the pupils with the idea iveness and efficiency on the platform and in the pulpit, his sound judgment and his These are serious objections, but it is not ability in discussing and solving missionary to religion. The subject merits the careful plicity and gentle manner - these and many consideration of the other characteristics stamped him as an educators of the unusual man, and caused him to be held in high esteem, and to be much in demand for missionary gatherings in his own and other churches.

In his broad sympathies he took in the workers of all denominations, and was much in consultation with the officers of other boards and societies concerning progress in the various mission fields of the world. When the Ecumenical Missionary Conference held in New York City in 1900 was projected, Dr. Baldwin was one of its most ardent promoters, and the success of the unique undertaking was largely due to his unwearying zeal, his wise planning and his superb execution and administration.

The interests of the Chinese in this country were watched and guarded by him with incessant vigilance, as his frequent consultations and large correspondence with the government at Washington attest. most conspicuous floral piece at his funeral

was a large and beautiful cross twined with white roses from the Christian Chinese of New York, who thus gave expression to their grief over the death of their friend and brother who had served them with increasing devotion through many years.



HARRISON RANDOLPH. One of the newest New President of the University of Arkansas.

Who Buy the Books. sources of wonder in

this wonder-working age and land, is the rapid annual increase in the publisher's outedge of the customs, laws, traditions, and his- put of new books. Several times a year we tory and general characteristics of the Chinese hear of a new novel which outsells the colpeople, his sane enthusiasm for missionary lective popular romances of any year of the

seventies. But this is not as significant as and these add annually many men and women the large demand for literature of quality so to the great body of readers that demands high that booksellers not yet old used to books of more than temporary interest, yet call it "heavy stock" - history, biography, welcomes fiction which is really good. science, belles-lettres, etc. Thirty years The magazines, weeklies, and newspapers ago very few publishers dared issue editions are doing much, and some of them doing really new of the great novelists, poets, or nobly to increase dramatists; but the autumn lists of this year the reading habit. announce fully twenty new editions of au- Their effect can thors who died many years ago, and whom scarcely be overessome readers professing to be critical regard timated, yet their as "out of date." As to new books of per- work is largely premanent interest, the autumn lists contain paratory. hundreds.

Beside the customary explanation that to the colleges, the easier money and improved methods of technical schools, transportation are bringing books and and the various other readers in closer touch with one another, systems of advanced there is a better one. It is found by com- study must be attriparing the statistics of higher education buted an influence today with those of earlier years. Aside that begins where from the thousands of high schools - some that of the periodi- New President of Miami of which impart more education than could cals ends. There is schools have increased rapidly in numbers, prosperous business. quality, and attendance. Thirty years ago Coupled with these timely observations by one hundred and fifty thousand. Better Day address at Chautauqua this summer: still, the proportion of students to population has more than doubled - a fact which should discourage the silly yet not infrequent statement that "college learning" is not held in as high esteem as it used to be. Despite the many young men who go to college principally to learn football and rowing, to wear class pins and society badges, or to acquire college songs and "yells," or are sent to college because they are unendurable at home — a great majority of the students acquire literary tastes which they are likely to gratify throughout their lives, so far as their money and leisure will allow; so each year adds many thousands of college graduates to the better class of readers. In the period referred to there have been developed several systems of home study, of which the "Chautauqua method" is a notable example, the basis on which education and culture must rest.

higher public schools,



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be obtained at any but the best colleges no possibility that the desire for educaattended by our fathers and grandfathers - tion will decrease, so the publisher's outour colleges; universities, and technical look is as cheering as that of any other

there were but twenty-three thousand stu- John Habberton a word of warning spoken by dents in our colleges; today there are almost Edward Howard Griggs in his Recognition

I have been wondering whether the loss of power to think logically, especially in political matters, in America, may not lo due in part to the multiplicity of cheap literature and great newspapers, and the dissipation of intellect that comes from making this a staple article. Another danger in our intellectual life today is the reading of magazines. You must be amazed with the shocking increase of cheap magazines, as you have looked at their pictures and articles, the vulgarity, the insipidity. I was told by the editor of one of the great magazines that it was of no use to give the people of America articles with seriousness in them after the first of April or before the first of October. If that is true, it is a terrible comment on the way we have been using our intellectual capital.

Let some part of your margin be spent in hard, consecutive work. If you have only fifteen minutes it is more precious to you than to the man who has three hours' margin. Sit at the feet of the masters. Go to the fountain springs. Read books above your level. Study the problem that makes you bring all your intellectual energies into use. And let it be so from day to day. The margin is your chance to live, your use of the margin is the test of your character and spirit, and



KING MENELEK OF ABYSSINIA.

"KING OF THE KINGS OF ETHIOPIA."

BY EDWIN A START.

N the mountainous heart of the anshare it.

When Italy a few years ago attempted to cient Ethiopia, that land of mystery, trick Abyssinia into accepting a protectorate traditions of which have come down under a construction of a treaty that was to us on monuments as old as civil- never meant, Taitu, the spirited wife of ization, the country that we know as Abys- Menelek, declared to the Italian envoy: sinia, but which its inhabitants still designate "We, too, have our pride of independence. as Ethiopia, are preserved customs, tradi- Abyssinia will never be subject to any tions, and modes of life that go back forty power." She proposed a new treaty of two centuries or more for their origin. Here, on articles, the first abrogating the disputed a lofty plateau, ribbed and encompassed by clause of the treaty of Uchali (1889) which mountains and surrounded by deserts, Mene- had caused the misunderstanding, and the lek II., "King of the Kings of Ethiopia and second declaring," His Majesty the Emperor Conquering Lion of Judah," holds sway over of Abyssinia engages himself to the governa people of mixed race, somewhat savage, ment of his Majesty the King of Italy never largely barbarous, and perhaps a little civil- to cede his territory to any European power, ized. He and his queen possess the rugged nor to conclude any treaty, nor to accept primitive virtue of unconquerable pride and any protectorate." This determined and independence, and their people seem to defiant attitude brought on the war with Italy that proved so disastrous to the Italian

nition of the independence of Abyssinia.

dictated this determined assertion of an im- that of Rome or Moscow. Its head, the memorial independence, nor to the courage Abuna, is a Copt commissioned and conseand persistence of the Abyssinian armies that crated by the Patriarch of Alexandria, so thoroughly defeated the trained troops of though his ecclesiastical power is shared by a a modern European power of the first rank. native prelate, the Echegheh, who is at the These modern Abyssinians seem to have lost head of the monastic orders. nations of antiquity.

the present royal house of Abyssinia may came in contact on the west and south. arrogate to itself a high place among the world's royalties.

arms and forced from the ambitious Mediter- of a somewhat deficient moral type, gives a ranean power, in the treaty of Adis Abeba, touchstone to civilization, Abyssinia belongs October 26, 1896, an unconditional recog- to the fellowship of Christian nations and deserves their sympathy and support. The We cannot refuse respect to the spirit that rite of the Abyssinian church is older than

little of the old warlike vigor which made The Mohammedan conquests cut off Abystheir progenitors, the "blameless Ethio- sinia from the coast, although failing to pians," a shadow upon ancient Egypt, and reduce its mountain fastnesses, and it was held for them the respect and fear of the thus isolated for centuries from contact with a world whose march it seems previously to Ancient Ethiopia was inhabited by many have been following with fairly equal step. tribes and races in different stages of barbar- Thrown back into itself, and subjected to ism. The country known to us as Abyssinia, frequent attack and invasion by surrounding a name given to it by the Arabs, is its direct barbarians, it can hardly be wondered at if descendant and comprises territory of 150,- it became stationary or even retrogressive, 000 square miles, between the 35th and instead of progressive. At least one of 45th degrees of east longitude and the 5th these barbaric invasions, that of the Gallas and 15th parallels of north latitude, with an from the south, introduced permanently into estimated population of 3,500,000. It very Abyssinian territory a disturbing and harmearly drew in elements of civilization from ful element. There is also a considerable Arabia, from which it was separated in olden Jewish element, the Falashas of Amhara, times only by the narrow straits of Bab el who claim to have descended from emigrants Mandeb. It is, therefore, rich in associa- of the period of disorder in Israel in the tions with the civilizations of the old East. reign of Jeroboam and afterwards. They Shoa, one of its kingdoms, is reputed to be still practise Jewish rites. The native stock the ancient Sheba, and Menelek II., who was of the highlands, the true Abyssinian type, ras (prince) of Shoa before he became negus was probably produced by a mingling of the of Abyssinia, claims direct descent from an ancient Hamitic and Semitic races, the early Menelek, who was a son of Solomon former, the aboriginal type of all northwestand the Queen of Sheba. If ancient descent, ern Africa, being predominant. They were and especially descent from Israel's some- thus from the beginning superior to the what overrated tyrant, justifies pride of birth, negro or negroid types with whom they

After Abyssinia was cut off from the world, its first contact was with the Portu-Christianity of the primitive type was guese Jesuit missionaries in the sixteenth brought into Abyssinia from Alexandria, in and seventeenth centuries; and its modern the fourth century of our era, and has name is said to come from a Portuguese form remained there, primitive still, a somewhat of the Arab term for negro --- habesh. The sanguinary and barbaric Christianity, held Portuguese missionaries failed in their fast by the people against the waves of attempt to draw the Abyssinians into allegi-Mohammedan attack, and in the midst of ance to the Roman church, excited much surrounding Mohammedanism and heathen- enmity in the country, and were driven out ism. If the possession of Christianity, even about 1633. In 1840 a Protestant, Dr.

clung to their ancient religious forms as hand of the ruler of Shoa, Menelek II. persistently as they have clung to political an Englishman may not be wholly without bias, says that "Russia has of late been much concerned as to the spiritual darkness prevailing in Abyssinia, and has endeavored to send thither missionaries from the Greek Church, the domain of which she identifies with her own empire. But these have been propagandists of a singularly military type, wolves in sheep's clothing, if one may commit oneself to rather a strong metaphor." This doubtless alludes to the supplies of arms imported from Russia and to the Russian officers, who gave the army of Menelek some of that efficiency that enabled it to overcome the Italians.

from 1490 up to the present century. Some began in 1848, when Mr. Plowden was ac- One of his oddest and most promising characcredited as consul to the Abyssinian govern- teristics is his interest in things mechanical. the new king, but his death, the reversinian pride, caused the trouble which was Young Abyssinia party and Menelek reprefollowed by the Anglo-Abyssinian war. An English and Indian army under Sir Robert Napier invaded the country and captured Magdala on the 13th of April, 1868, after ties, has great difficulties to meet. His own which Theodore committed suicide.

dore, proved to be unequal to the task of They balk with true barbaric independence uniting Abyssinia and maintaining harmonious and distaste for what is new and strange. relations with the encroaching western He must overcome the inertia of ages in his

Krapf, under the auspices of the Church Mis- nations, and when he fell, in 1889, in a war sionary Society, visited Abyssinia, but decided with the always troublesome Dervishes of that it was not a promising field for a Prot- the Soudan, the scepter of this strange waif estant mission. The people seem to have of ancient empires was lifted by the strong

This brief review of the origin of Abysindependence. Sir H. H. Johnston, who as sinia and its relations with the world up to 1889 may indicate the nature of the problem with which the king of kings has to deal. Menelek is a man of that rugged, energetic type which we may describe as that of a progressive barbarian. He has the large mouth of the African, a complexion darker than that of the pure Abyssinian type, and other marks of a mixed ancestry. His alleged royal descent has already been alluded to. He was born in 1842. He has in his nature much of the savagery of the races whose blood runs in his veins, and many of the virtues of civilization. His features are large and massive, and his countenance betrays an inquiring intelligence, pride, and Occasionally explorers entered Abyssinia a considerable measure of humor. Like the traditional oriental despot, he can be cruelly remained there, voluntarily or constrained by severe or nobly clement, but he is for the the laws of the country, which at times were most part just. He is fearless and warlike. hospitable to the entrance of travelers, but He gives close attention to his army, and did not allow them to return. The English has brought it to a considerable state of effigovernment's connection with Abyssinia ciency, as the Italian campaign showed. ment, then controlled by Ras Ali, a Galla He is said to take apart the manufactured chieftain. When the latter was overthrown articles that are brought into the country, by Lij Kasa, who was crowned under the in order to become personally acquainted name of Theodore in 1854, Mr. Plowden with the details of their construction and became an influential friend and adviser of the method of assembling the parts. The statement hardly needs to be added that he sion of Theodore to a morose barbarism of wishes to bring his belated kingdom into the disposition, and the careless indifference of ranks of modern nations in the use of mathe English government, which hurt Abys- chinery and various appliances. There is a sents it.

But this ruler with his unquestionable strength of character and many useful qualipeople are not an easy flock to guide along John, Ras of Tigré, who succeeded Theo- the broad highway of modern progress.

tutions is feudal, and Menelek has about him that wonderful stream to the disadvantage a council of the chief princes, while the of Egypt below. It is a stronghold on the local administration is through governors of borders of savage Africa, and it is a comdistricts and provinces and through village manding point with relation to the surround-

chiefs. There is a regular army of 150,000 ing territories under European flags. These men armed with modern weapons. To bring are reasons enough to make it an object of about Abyssinian unity it has been necessary decided interest to European expansionists. to suppress insurrections with force. There Italy, ambitious of a colonial empire, its is a body of semi-independent kingdoms and politics controlled by the Neapolitans and

quite secure.

ern Abyssinia has no seaboard, Italy, France, couraged the Abyssinians to self-assertion. acquired protectorates along the Red Sea 1891 as to African spheres of influence, and Aden coasts and on the Indian Ocean brought on a renewal of hostilities in 1895. that cut off Abyssinia from those waters. remaining quarter with Italian possessions, while a small French colony intervenes between Italian Eritrea and British Somaliland on the East. The critical problem for Abyssinia is how to make its own way in the world and maintain its much loved independence in the face of this close connection with great European powers ambitious of African dominion and looking with longing upon the stronghold of the upper Nile with its important strategic relations to northeastern and central Africa.

edge might develop into wealth. It com- sufficiently obvious.

people, perhaps to some extent in himself. mands the headwaters of the Nile and The general character of Abyssinian insti- might control the periodic movements of principalities to be held together, and, as in Siceliotes, turned covetous eyes upon the all feudal countries, the sovereignty is never Ethiopian fastnesses as early as 1870. By various means in the early eighties Italy But in the present condition of African acquired several hundred miles of Red Sea affairs it is perhaps the relation of Abyssinia coast about Massowah and by aggressions upon to the movements of the European powers in Abyssinian territory brought on an attack northeastern Africa that presents the great- which would have led to an open war, but est problem of the Ethiopian monarch. for England's intervention by means of the Here diplomacy must be used as well as friendly mission of Sir Gerald Portal. At force. The principal part of Menelek's the time of Menelek's accession England and empire is comprised in the small kingdoms Germany had, for reasons of their own, recogor principalities of Amhara, Tigré, and Shoa, nized the alleged Italian protectorate, but and there is a large outlying country. Mod- France and Russia had not, and Russia enand Great Britain in the process of safe- The occupation of Kasala in 1894, as an outguarding their eastern interests, having come of the Anglo-Italian agreement of After a series of disastrous defeats Italy About three-quarters of the Abyssinian signed the convention of Adis Abeba, Octoborder marches with those of British colo- ber 26, 1896, and gave up for the time being nies and protectorates, and most of the her designs upon Abyssinia. England in the following year established a political agency and opened communication with Abyssinia on a satisfactory basis, yielding about eight thousand miles of Somaliland, a small concession of an unimportant sovereignty.

Even so brief a summary as this of Abyssinia's relations with the European powers in Africa sufficiently indicates the nature of Menelek's diplomatic puzzle to anyone who is at all conversant with the methods of the European powers when in contact with less highly developed peoples and states. When Owing to its high elvation Abyssinia is the this knowledge is coupled with an apprehenonly "white man's country" in tropical sion of the ambitions for empire building and Africa. It probably has latent resources for development that have centered of late which energy, capital, and scientific knowl- about the Nile, the magnitude of the case is

Theodore during the latter's life, as a matter accomplishment of his work, a united and of policy. After his wife's death in 1887 independent country. To keep it so is, he married Taitu, a woman of rank of Tigré. however, more difficult than to make it so, She has been his chief adviser and her word and with this problem Menelek, Negus Negusti, carries great weight with him. He sup- King of Kings, is grappling with a strong pressed the last of the powerful rebels, Ras hand and an intelligence by no means weak.

Menelek married the daughter of King Mangasha, in 1899, and now looks upon the

GLIMPSES OF SCHOOL LIFE IN ITALY.

BY MARY SIFTON PEPPER.

new under the sun."

great contrasts in the national life of the everything Italianissimo? two countries. But a person from across daily drama of school life.

N an article entitled "Italy for Three sixty little urchins attired in dress suits. Sous" in a French newspaper some broad expanse of shirt bosom, tall silk hats, time ago, the editor said that he and patent leather pumps, walk along with could see real Italian life in a cer- a decorum and dignity befitting the prestige tain quarter in Paris better than in Italy of the royal college which they represent. itself. He complained that in a recent visit Winding through the public gardens, a proto that country all his illusions had been cession of military students wearing high dispelled. The hotels were kept by Swiss, leather boots, pale blue knickerbockers, the waiters were Germans, the railroads were small caps, spotless white gloves, and long managed by English companies. He saw cloaks thrown jauntily over the left shoulnone of those brilliant costumes in which he der. More somber hues are added by the had always pictured Italian peasants, nor appearance of a girls' school, marching two were there any lovers walking hand in hand by two, clad in the customary gray skirts about the streets and rolling their eyes at and black capes. If the stranger takes his each other, like Rossi in "Hamlet." He morning walk in the Pincian gardens in Rome, returned to France convinced that poetic he will see a school parade more brilliant in Italy had become civilized and therefore un- color, for there the boys of a certain school interesting, and that there was "nothing take their daily outing in scarlet dress suits, and others in white. In this picture can France is so near Italy that there are no anyone but a blasé Parisian editor fail to find

Since Italy became united the governthe ocean, fresh from the prosaic surround- ment has done all in its power for popular ings of an American city, sees something education. In 1877 a compulsory education foreign and novel in every phase of life in law was passed prescribing that children Italy, and in one particularly, where the who had completed their sixth year and who spectacular is not looked for. This is the were not receiving private instruction, should be sent to the public schools. The law was Strolling through the streets or parks of very generally complied with, and twelve one of the larger cities, the stranger is soon years later, as shown in the school census impressed with this foreign element. School of 1889, the results satisfied the hopes of its children are always accompanied by a parent, most sanguine advocates. In that year there or a servant in livery who carries their lunch were in the kingdom 54,192 schools, of baskets and books. Yonder on the ramparts which 43,770 were public schools, taught by is a long procession of Jesuit students out 44,670 teachers. In all there were 2,626,for their morning walk. Just behind them 935 school children, which was nine per cent

nical, and private schools, there are schools nation." They are equipped, at least those in the soldiers' barracks where illiterate con- in the cities, with all the modern conveniscripts are taught two hours daily by the ences. On each floor are lavatories where officers, and for those unable to avail them- the children are obliged to make themselves selves of any of these advantages there are neat before entering the school-room. In night, Sunday, and holiday schools in which the basement are large and well-appointed the teaching is voluntary.

Italy. Books and clothes are luxuries in many of the provinces where hundreds die annually of pellagra, the hunger-sickness, because they cannot buy salt — it is heavily taxed - to put in their daily diet of cornmeal mush. The greatest poverty is found in the southern provinces, and therefore the greatest per cent of illiteracy. In 1889 in cent. Also, there is less illiteracy in the large cities than in the provinces. At Turin bridegrooms had fallen to five per cent, Milan seven per cent, Rome twenty per cent, dinia) forty-five per cent.

departments. date says:

" What will become of a country where the balance for public works may be said to be nothing, where the balances for agriculture and education are thinner than Dante's cur, where the military balance alone sucks in all the resources of the country like a sponge?

There is only one remedy.

These expenditures must be reversed.

When the outlays for public works, for agriculture, and for education shall be greater than those for the army, then alone will this our poor Italy be able to arise from this economic abyss into which it has been plunged. As long as conditions remain as they are we shall never be known other than as "the famished nation."

Yet more is accomplished with this slim appropriation than could be done in other countries, whose old and tumble-down public to see, and the day and hour he wishes to school buildings would suffer greatly in com- go there. It takes several days and much

of the population. Besides the public, tech- parison with those of this "famished gymnasiums, and in different parts of the Yet there is still much illiteracy in building rooms for manual training, engraving, and wood-carving for the boys, embroidery and fine needlework for the girls. The boys and girls are in separate schools, indicated by "Boys' Elementary School," "Girls' Elementary School."

Religious teaching in these schools is prohibited by law. But in a country where at least two-thirds are of the same faith, it Turin only nine per cent of the persons con- is not strange that there are frequent violatracting marriage were unable to sign their tions of this law. This forms the text for names, while in the southern province of many sensational articles in the anti-clerical Cosenza the number reached eighty-three per newspapers. "There are forests to be cut down to make desks for schools, not altars and crucifixes!" says the editor of one of in 1890 the number of illiterate brides and these. He had visited the schools and had been aroused to this exclamation by several things he saw and heard there. In one Naples thirty-eight per cent, Cagliari (Sar- school he found posted in a conspicuous place an advertisement urging upon girls the There is a constant outcry in Italy at advantages of a certain convent. In another present over the enormous expenditures for a little girl was asked her name, and when military purposes, to the detriment of other she answered, "Mentana" (the name of the A liberal newspaper of recent place associated with the battle between the forces of Garibaldi and the papal army), the teacher refused to place the name upon the roll. In the next school he visited, the pupils were obliged to repeat religious exercises three times a day. These periodical agitations of the press are taken up by their representatives in Parliament, and new and more stringent legislation quiets for a while the agitators and their partisans.

> In America, all that would be necessary to visit a public school would be to open the door and walk in. In Italy one must first secure a permesso, which is no simple task. Visits must be made to various dignitaries; to each of these one must explain why he wishes to visit the school, which he prefers

royal commissioner himself.

important, that he encounters after the big teach Italian children their native language. salaam awaits with true military alertness when parting it seemed to say "good-bye" for the next command.

to our eighth. The stranger is soon impressed with the liveliness and readiness of the pupils' answers. As he enters one of the rooms all the pupils arise and salute him with a "Buon giorno, Signore." Here they Ravizza, meeting her on the street. are in the midst of a geography lesson. A little girl is called to the board where hangs a map of Italy and asked to point out the capital. She points to Rome. Asked how many civilizations can be traced in Rome, she answers, "Three, Etruscan, medieval, and modern." When told to describe the Tevere (Tiber) she goes through the usual formula about the source, the windings, and the mouth. The directress, who accompanies the visitor, asks her to tell what it is sometimes called, and when she hesitates, points to the teacher's hair, "Il biondo" (the yellow), she replies quickly. To the question which Riviera is the most beautiful, the child answers, "Riviera Ponente," to which the directress exclaims, "Of course you would choose your own Italy."

are spelled as they are pronounced. But the Petrarch flowing from the lips of young and

worry and ceremony to accomplish this, but vigilant and persistent course of nagging finally the permit is received signed by the that the American or English teacher pursues to bring this branch up to the proper The first person, and apparently the most standard is pursued even more diligently to doors are unlocked for him to enter is the Every city or province has its dialect, as janitor. He is a striking figure, in dark blue difficult for the foreigner to understand as it uniform with shining brass buttons and a red would be for most Americans to understand cap on which is printed the name of the the Sioux language. A young Englishman After receiving the permesso he of my acquaintance who had been studying constitutes himself grand master of ceremo- music in Milan for a number of years, thought nies, taking personal charge of the visitor it was time to begin to speak the dialect until he leaves the building. He first con- which he heard everyone using irrespective ducts him to the directress, waits blandly of rank or station. There was one word in at the door until the object of the visit is particular whose frequent repetition had stated, then runs on ahead to throw open the impressed it upon him; people meeting on doors of the various rooms, and with a grand the street saluted one another with it, and or "au revoir." Schoolchildren said it to There are five grades in each of the one another and to their teachers, old people schools, the fifth or highest corresponding used it to the young, and young to old, and in the middle of a sentence it seemed to stand for "pshaw!" The word is ciaou! comfortably pronounced "chow!"

"Ciaou!" he said one day to Signora

"You should not say that to me," she replied, looking at him in rather a puzzled

"I have known you three years," he said. "Am I not permitted to say 'ciaou!' to you

"It is not the same," was her rather equivocal reply.

The Englishman did not attempt to use the dialect again, for he could not determine the exact status of intimacy in which it was "the same." "You may say 'ciaou!' to your uncle-by-marriage," he said bitterly. after this experience, "but not to your paternal grandmother."

With this exclusive fondness for their dialect, it is not strange that in the place where children have to give it up - the The visitor to a public school in Italy will public schools — the battle is a hard one. find the teachers combating an evil which Yet they do in time learn to speak their own has no place in an American school. This language fluently and correctly, dropping into is the dialect habit. No time is allotted to it easily when speaking to a stranger, who the teaching of spelling here, for the words marvels at the classic language of Dante and old. The little housemaid does not "give" the letter to the postman, she "consigns" it to him; she does not "stand" the heat, she "resists" it; she does not "undress," but, very unexpectedly sometimes, "divests" herself; she does not "rest," but frequently "reposes."

Although the salaries paid to teachers seem very low to Americans, they are munificent compared to those paid in other professions. A bookkeeper, speaking four languages and having twenty years' experience in his profession, receives three hundred dollars per annum, while the principal of a twenty-room building is paid four hundred dollars, and the teachers according to their grade from three hundred and fifty down to two hundred dollars. But with this very moderate income they can afford one luxury which American teachers cannot, a servant in livery to walk behind them on their way to and from school, carrying their books, lunch baskets, and wraps. For the national trait, from king to beggar, is to fare una bella figura (cut a fine figure).

The greater number of pupils in these schools come from middle class families. Yet the extremes of poor and rich are represented also. Annetta, my artist relative's little model, happened to live in one of the most aristocratic neighborhoods of the city, and therefore had for her schoolmates mostly the children of rich people. The artist had posed her one day as a little flower girl, pulling forward the bright tassel of the Roman cap, arranging the white. kerchief in irregular folds, and fastening a string of gorgeous blue beads around her neck, when I dropped carelessly into the chair towards which she was to direct her eyes and insinuatingly drew from her some of the little tragedies of her school life.

"When I first went to this school," she began, "I was the only one who wore wooden

shoes. The children all laughed at me; but the teacher punished them, and then I could have laughed at them, but I did not."

"Then you like your teacher, Annetta?"

but, very unexpectedly sometimes, "divests" herself; she does not "rest," but frequently "reposes." for a moment, "she did something multo male once. There is a little countess in our school. My sister and I always had very neat copy-books. One day I could not find mine, and la maestra said it must be at home. I came home, but mamma could not find it. Afterwards I saw the countess have it. The fession, receives three hundred dollars per annum, while the principal of a twenty-room looked so bad."

"Tutto il mondo è paese!" (all the world is kin) I whispered to myself, thinking how deceptions of this kind were sometimes practised in other schools besides Annetta's. I received a letter from her after my return to America, and I reproduce it as a sample of the literary attainments of a nine-year-old public school pupil in Italy:

MILAN, January 3, 1897.

ILLUSTRIOUS SIGNORINA: — How are you, and how did you make the journey? Safely, I hope. As for me, I am lost without you. It does not seem possible that you are gone away on so long a journey. How often I think of you. Your present I keep in my trunk, in a beautiful little box. I treasure it as the most precious jewel in the world.

I am always saying to myself, "Who knows where she may be now?" Every week I look at the calendar to see if the month has passed which you were to spend on your journey. You will call me a lazy little girl for not writing sooner, but I was not sure when you would reach America.

I would like to tell you many nice things and beautiful little thoughts, but not knowing how to express myself well yet, I will wait until I am older. I await with much eagerness a letter from you. Mamma and papa salute you, and a thousand kisses and salutations is sent you by

Your affectionate
ANNETTA MARIANI,
living in Via Monte Napoleone 7.

MEMORIES OF ITALY.

BY CLINTON SCOLLARD.

Ofttimes when day droops, and the sunset fires
Are quenched, and night begins her starry span,
I am transported by the wood-thrush choirs
To shores Italian.

Its passionate ardors do I hear once more From laurel copses pour the nightingale; Below Bellagian heights see, as of yore, The moonlight-flooded sail.

I range the square where rich San Marco lifts
Its gilded empery of domes and towers;
And watch the swallow as it dreams and drifts
O'er Florence set in flowers.

I stroll through broad Bologna's dim arcades, And wander grim Sienna's tortuous ways; I mount to where those bold Perugian blades Lived out their bloody days.

I brood by Tiber, anigh Hadrian's tomb,
And tread where emperors trod through stately streets;
I stand where fragrant Roman violets bloom
Above the grave of Keats.

Fair memories like these, and more, are mine, What time the sunset pales its radiant fires, And round about the Twilight's purple shrine Tune the rapt wood-thrush choirs.

MOONLIGHT IN MILAN.

Gleams as though carved from out a block of ice
The white art-marvel of the centuries;—
Forms saintly and grotesque; the flowering frieze;
Pilaster, pinnacle, and quaint device!
The air is sweet as though from isles of spice
It breathed across bland oriental seas,
Yet never wanderer adventured these,
Seeking red gold or gems of princely price,
Upon uncharted and dream-visioned shores,
In temples dedicate to alien gods,
Who saw such beauty as we here survey;
One stands entranced, and deems what he adores,
If for a moment he but turns or nods,
Will fade from his enchanted eyes away.

TAKING A DEGREE IN A GERMAN UNIVERSITY.

BY WILLIAM WALLACE WHITELOCK, PH. D.

tion of learning. pletion of their studies in this country. philosophy. German universities may thus be said to have fallen, or risen, according to the point philosophy obtained in Germany? of view, to the position of post-post-graduate institutions for Americans. For students of the present day this is, I believe, undoubtedly the correct view, for many reasons which cannot be discussed at this time. Nevertheless, there still are, and will doubtless for some time continue to be, a considerable number of Americans desirous of winning academic honors in Germany, and for these it is of practical interest to learn something of the modus operandi.

In the first place, be it remarked in advance, the standard of scholarship in Ger- Reiches." Leipzig, Max Hoffmann, publisher.

HE practical value of the German many is more equable than in this country, degree of doctor of philosophy to so that whatever is predicated of any one of Americans contemplating an ac- the twenty-one higher schools of the empire ademic career has of recent years applies, with slight reservation, to all. To tended to decrease, owing to the constantly be sure, it is a common saying among sturising standard of our own universities and dents that if unable to obtain a degree at to their natural adaptation to the needs of any other university, it is only necessary forth-American education. In other words, the with to proceed to Erlangen; but like other holder of a degree from the Johns Hopkins popular sayings, this one doubtless is not or from Harvard (which may serve as ex- unmixed with injustice. Certainly, it does amples of their class) is likely to encounter not seem in accord with the biblical comless difficulty in obtaining an instructorship mand: "Suche das Reich Gottes zu erlangen!" in an American college than a compatriot Moreover, much depends on the professors with like distinction from a German institu- who happen at the moment to occupy the Despite this natural chairs in a given institution, and on their evolution in American scholarship, however, feeling toward the candidate who presents the respect accorded German scholarship himself, since examinations are verbal only, has by no means decreased, nor have the and thus personal in nature. Consequently, numbers of Americans yearly seeking admis- what today might be true regarding the sion at German universities diminished to an relative difficulty of obtaining the Berlin and appreciable extent, if at all. But whereas Leipzig doctor's degree would not necessarily twenty years ago and more it was the high-hold good five years from now, or even next est ambition of our students to obtain their year. Undoubtedly, also, the requirements second, or post-graduate degree, from Heidel- in the faculties of law and medicine, and berg, Göttingen, or Berlin, it is now, I perhaps that of theology as well, are on the believe, the desire of the majority merely to whole more severe; but for obvious reasons supplement American training by a longer our interest, and the interest of Americans or shorter stay in Germany after the com- in general, is confined to the faculty of

How, then, is the degree of doctor of

My own experience extends more especially to the University of Munich, and my remarks may therefore be taken as applying directly to that institution, and to others only by extension.*

In the first place, proof of adequate preliminary training is a condition precedent even for admission to the university as a regular student, or candidatus philosophiæ.

* For a comparison of the requirements of the various German universities, see "Satzungen und Bedingungen für die Erwerbung des Doktorgrades bei den philosophischen Fakultäten der Universitäten des deutschen avoid complications.

date for examination must submit proof rest at the examination-table. other than that contained in his curriculum ties are convinced of one's preparedness. Contrary to what might be expected, the dispensation is more easily obtained by foreignimmature doctor im Auslande than zu Hause.

semesters, is definitely fixed by statute as

The best proof to the German mind, it is ties and to gain access to the various needless to say, is the Abgangszeugnis, or Seminare in which scientific method is taught diploma, of the Abiturienten-Examen, which at close range, it is wise for the new arrival is obtained on completion of the gymnasium to take immediate steps toward becoming course; from foreigners, however, a corre- acquainted with the professors under whom sponding "native" diploma is generally he contemplates studying and to consult received without demur or special investiga- them as to the courses to be pursued, and tion, until the time arrives for deciding as especially as to whether these courses satisfy to the candidate's admissibility to examinathe requirements for a degree. As a rule, tion; the standing of one's college is then German professors are very approachable and gone into more searchingly and venal degrees friendly, and being removed from contact ruthlessly excluded. It is well, therefore, with undergraduates, they are less impatient for prospective matriculates to carry their of interruptions than their American con-American diplomas with them in order to freres. Moreover, on general principles it is wise in advance to form the acquaintance According to academic statute the candi- of those with whom one's fate must finally

The majority of those entering on univervita that he has pursued the study of his sity studies will naturally have decided in major subject for "several" years (eine advance to which subject they intend mainly mehrjährige Beschäftigung) since the comple- to devote their attention and in which they tion of his preliminary education, a rule desire to take their degree. In regard to generally interpreted as meaning at least six the two minor subjects, or Nebenfächer, semesters. Nor is this regulation likely to however, a like certainty is not always to be be waived, save in exceptional cases where assumed; and, what is more, their selection circumstances render further prosecution of can safely be left until after matriculation. one's studies impracticable and the authori- Herein, again, professorial advice is invaluable, and may lead to the saving of much time and labor.

Having now elected which subjects to purers than by Germans. Without doubt the sue, and having more or less conscientiously reason is that less fear is entertained of an carried out his intention for two years at one or more universities of the Fatherland. In the case of the majority of German Herr Candidatus may turn his mind to the universities the period of three years, or six practical question of obtaining his degree. Another year, it is true, must elapse before that required to have been passed by the he can hope finally to achieve his object, but, applicant in so-called post-graduate studies. unless content to wait still longer, it behooves Formal proof thereof consists in the submis- him to take definite steps thereto withsion of ex-matriculation papers from such out delay. The first thing is to consult with other universities as one may have attended, the leading professors in one's major subtogether with one's present lecture-book ject, and with the Dekan of the humanistic signed to date by the lecturers for whose or scientific section of the philosophic faccourse payment has been made. The attend- ulty, according to the nature of one's ance on lectures is optional, but the un- studies, as to the likelihood of a formal appliavoidable payment of fees for the right to cation for examination being approved; attend the courses undoubtedly in many cases without their advocacy of one's cause, it is leads to actual physical as well as presump- needless to say, the idea of immediate Protive presence during their delivery. In motion must be abandoned. Assuming, howorder, however, to avoid unforeseen difficul- ever, that encouragement has been extended

ordeal.

satisfactorily arranged, and the examination exercises in virtue of his office. of public and private papers in the most imupon. Perseverance, however, finally led to familiarity, not to say contempt, and having obtained the necessary data, I proceeded to this to be done in Latin or German, although in to the former language. Moreover, as a matforeigners not sufficiently master of German, and, very sensibly, they are permitted to write in their own language. The only instance. which came under my notice where objection ink on brown paper.

within a short time the precious document was not discovered until the last moment. keeping.

to the aspirant for honors, he must set manuscript passed, and to what scrutiny it seriously about the preparation of his thesis, was subjected was not revealed, but accordunless, indeed, this important work has ing to regulation it was supposed to be read already been begun. Much depends upon by every full professor of the humanistic the thesis, as according to whether it is section of the faculty. At all events, after approved or disapproved will 'e the final several weeks' delay a favorable decision decision in regard to the can'idate's admis- was rendered as to its merits, and I was offision to examination; moreover, a well-written cially notified to prepare for examination on dissertation not infrequently suffices to cover a certain day three weeks in advance, at a multitude of shortcomings in the final seven o'clock in the morning! As minor subjects I had selected German Literature and In my own case, after consulting with Latin and Greek, the last two to count as one. Professor Heigel, of the department of his- On the day appointed, therefore, I repaired tory, who had manifested interest in my to the university in evening dress, which is de career and who at the time happened to be rigueur, and was ushered into the kleine dean of the faculty, I decided upon the fol- Aula, where the four examiners were already lowing subject for my thesis: "The Political assembled. Two of these were of the Relationship of Max Emanuel of Bavaria to department of history and one each of the William III. of England." Then arose the department of literature and the classics. practical difficulty of obtaining access to the the latter being Professor Christ, renowned private royal Bavarian archives, necessitat- as the author of "Greek Moods and Tenses." ing, of course, an endless series of Gesuche In cases where the dean is not one of the and Besuche. But eventually the matter was examining professors, he presides at the

Examinations are much the same the possible French, German, and Latin, and in world over, and it is unnecessary further to nearly unintelligible handwriting, was entered describe this particular inquisition than to say that it was conducted with extreme fairness and consideration, the efforts of the examiners being directed to discover what I the much less difficult task of the actual knew rather than what I did not know. In writing of the thesis. Regulations require fact, their questions were based in the main on such of their lectures as I was presumed practise classical students are generally limited to have attended. To count upon a like demonstration of equity in every case, howter of fact, dispensation is often given to ever, it is hardly necessary to say, would not be wise, either in Germany or America. An hour, perhaps, was consumed by the questions of Professor Heigel and his colleague, Professor Grauert, who then gave was raised on linguistic grounds was in the way to the professor of literature and to Procase of a student who presented a thesis fessor Christ. Through inadvertence the composed in Hungarian and written in red latter had brought with him a copy of the "Odes" of Horace instead of the "Ger-Despite this latitude in regard to language, mania" of Tacitus, in which, it seemed, he however, I decided to write in German; and had decided to examine me, and the mistake was completed, and with mingled misgivings Not having read Horace for a number of and hope was given into Professor Heigel's years, courage failed as I was about to beg Through what vicissitudes the him not to trouble to have the mistake rectifor the implied imputation of ignorance.

ranks of those learned in philosophy.

that of mere examine superato.

the schoolmen of the middle ages, and to prepare a short paper on some historical tion one is but a Doktorant, or doctor-about- Bavaria, France, and Spain was subject to

fied, but to give me the "Odes" instead; to-be, not a full-fledged doctor; so that and thus dread of the terrible Sapphic and from the point of view of the public at least, Asclepiadean meters prevented me from tak- the graduating exercises form the most iming advantage of the brilliant opportunity to portant part of winning a degree. Moreimpress him with my general preparedness. over, everything is done to make the Professor Christ's questions proved ex- ceremony impressive. Together with the tremely searching, and when rendering a chief examiners, the dean of the faculty, in passage from Thucydides, owing to nervous- official robes, and the rector magnificus, the ness, I was guilty of a slip of the most "befrocked" and besworded victim enters elementary nature, he immediately began to the crowded hall of the university, to which demand the principal parts of all the Greek the public and the body of students have verbs in sight, only to apologize afterwards been officially summoned by notice upon the bulletin-board and by the professors of his Like all things human as well as inhuman, section of the faculty by personal delivery of the examination at last came to a close, and copies of the day's program, and mounts the I was unceremoniously told to retire to the little, box-like platform to read his unimporcorridor, through which streams of inquisi- tant essay and to defend against all-comers, tive students were now passing to and from but more especially against his official "Oplectures. The relief, therefore, was doubly ponent," the theses which he has promulgreat when at the end of ten minutes the gated to the consternation of the learned door opened and I was recalled to receive world. According to custom, Herr Doktorant the welcome news that the ordeal had been and his opponent susually carefully rehearse undergone cum laude, and that nothing now in advance their respective rôles, so that stood in the way of my admission to the attack and repulse may follow with the regularity and brilliance of an exhibition of For a period of nearly ten years, it seems, fencing. On the occasion of my own Prothe distinction of passing the examination motion, however, I saw for the second time summa cum laude, or with the highest pos- in life my opponent, who was the son of sible mark, had been achieved by no one, one of Germany's best-known authors and the last previous candidate thus to distin- who is himself today a successful writer of guish himself having been the son of the fiction, so that opportunity for the rehearsal violin virtuoso, Joachim. Indeed, the sec- of our parts had entirely lacked. One of ond rating, that of magna cum laude, is the theses upon the program was to the rare, the majority of candidates being well effect that Pope Clement XIII. had not sent content with the third grade, or even with a consecrated hat and dagger to Marshal Daun of the Austrian army at the time of In accordance with the convenience of all the Seven Years' War, as ordinarily stated; concerned, the date for the Promotion was but so guiltless of preparation was my official fixed for several weeks in advance, and I was refuter, that just before entering the hall he instructed in the meantime to select six or turned to me with the question: "In more theses to be defended in the manner of which century did Clement XIII. live, any-

But, fortunately or unfortunately; the subject for the gala occasion. This final services of Herr Opponent proved superfluous, essay, or quastio inauguralis, was not as attacks from other quarters were not required to be based upon original historical lacking, notably from Professor Heigel, who research, and was of purely formal nature; zealously entered upon the defense of Bavaas, indeed, was the entire Promotion. ria against the imputation that the so-called Despite this fact, however, before Promo-Nymphenburg Alliance of 1741 between historical proof, despite the unremitting an acceptable thesis and of having undergone efforts of Bavarian historians to demonstrate an examen rigorosum, according to the the contrary.

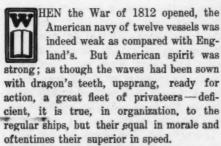
Having more or less successfully withstood these attacks and others of a like nature, I payment of the 260 marks' examination fee was assumed sufficiently to have shown my had already been made, there was no reason Schlagfertigkeit, and mounting the rostrum longer to withhold possession of the coveted behind that on which I was standing, the diploma. Together with the printing of the dean proceeded solemnly to invest me with dissertation and other incidental expenses, the title of doctor of philosophy, together the cost of this formidable Latin document with all the rights and privileges thereto amounted to somewhat more than one hunappertaining, in view of my having submitted dred dollars.

requirements of the university.

This concluded the exercises, and as the

THE PRIVATEERS OF 1812.

BY EDWIN L. SABIN.



Upon one pretext and another 917 American not simply patroled — it was scoured! vessels had been seized by British ships, and War was declared June 18, 1812. On rankled deep; even the punishment adminis- 219 prizes had been reported, with 574 guns can papers:

"We have the word of honour of Captain Bingham (H. M. Sloop-of-war Little Belt) that the firing was commenced by Rodgers (U. S. Frigate President), and competition with that of an honourable British officer?"

it came. American schooner and frigate, was claimed to be not less than 2,500. pilot and Jack Tar, fisherman and marine,

HEN the War of 1812 opened, the all vied with one another amid the broad American navy of twelve vessels was billows, and in 1812 American prowess was indeed weak as compared with Eng- established upon the seas as firmly as in 1776 land's. But American spirit was it had been established upon the land. In strong; as though the waves had been sown July, 1811, England had in her navy 1,042 with dragon's teeth, upsprang, ready for vessels, 101 of which were in American waaction, a great fleet of privateers - defi- ters. September 28, 1811, the Niles' Regiscient, it is true, in organization, to the ter, of Baltimore, declares "on our own regular ships, but their equal in morale and coast, on the high seas, and on the coast of France our ships must run a regular gaunt-The high-handed impressment of American let." But with the close of the first six sailors by British officers had worked the months of the war privateers were recorded Atlantic coast, and especially its seafaring as having cruised ten thousand miles without population, to the utmost pitch of rage. seeing the English flag! The Atlantic was

confiscated; the American navy had been September 15, three months thereafter, the treated with ridicule and contempt; the Register publishes a prize list of 136 British affair of the Chesapeake and the Leopard vessels; another month it was stated that tered by the President to the Little Belt had and 3,108 prisoners. Two more months, its sting in return, for this scornful remark and the complaint was made that British by the London Gazette was copied in Ameri- vessels were becoming hard to find! By August 12, 1815, as estimated in the press of the day, 1,634 prizes had arrived in American ports or had been accounted for; who will put the veracity of an American captain in of these, 1,375 were accredited to the privateer. Allowing for 750 recaptured, the Further vindication was longed for - and whole number of prizes taken during the war

This "prize list column" was the "feat-

the British Naval Register:

" The winds and seas are Britain's wide domain, And not a sail but by permission spreads."

Then, underneath, were the humiliating news items:

"Brig Ranger, Cape Henry for London, carrying six guns, laden with coffee, and log-wood, captured by the Mathilda, of Philadelphia, and sent into that port after a short engagement in which the British captain was mortally wounded.

"Ship Boyd, from New Providence for Liverpool, carrying ten heavy guns, laden with cotton, log-wood and coffee, sent into Philadelphia by the Globe, of Baltimore, after a running fight of one and one half hours.

"Brig Eliza, of six guns, after a smart engagement sent into Salem by the Madison, carrying one gun."

Etc., etc.

Tempted by the profits, as well as spurred on by revenge, all the Atlantic coast was beset with a feverish eagerness to get out and strike a blow for "Free Trade and Sail- laden with sugar, wines, etc. Vessel and declaration of war sixty-five privateers were known to be at sea. By October, New York alone had dispatched twenty-six craft, and Baltimore forty-two fast-sailing schooners and pilot-boats, the crews aggregating three thousand men.

exhausted, others were built. A privateer, pierced for fourteen guns, was constructed Harrison has in her hold wines, dry-goods, at Providence in seventeen days! At Wis- etc., invoiced at two hundred and fifty thoucasset a 22-gun brig was off the stocks in sand dollars. Not a bad thirty minutes' fifty-eight days, and a 32-gun brig in sixty work for the Paul Jones. days. A vessel for eighteen guns was built from the keel in fifteen days. At Fairhaven, itinerary of nine thousand miles, the Paul in the fall of 1812, the privateer Governor Jones comes back to New York with nine Gerry, 250 tons, eighteen guns, was built prizes and three hundred prisoners to her and launched in forty-eight days. When a name, and not a man lost or a shot received! British packet-ship privateer was reported off the coast, in three and a half hours the tain Barney, ten guns, cruises forty-five Salem people had fitted out the schooner days and captures fifteen vessels, sinking or Helen, had armed her with four guns, had burning nine of them. The value of her manned her with seventy volunteers, and prizes is estimated at \$1,280,000; burthen, had started her in pursuit!

ure" of the journalism of the times. At son on board an enemy's ship at the comthe top of the one in the Niles' Register was mencement of an engagement which resulted kept standing, in sarcasm, a couplet from in her destruction or capture by an American vessel of equal or inferior force. Then there also was the prize money accruing to the owners, officers, and crew of the privateer, from the sale of the capture. Had no contract been drawn up, one moiety went to the owners, and the other to the officers and crew. Two per cent of the prize money was turned over to collectors, to go into a fund for disabled sailors, and for sailors' widows and orphans. Later in the war, when British vessels of traffic had become comparatively few and far between, congress was memorialized to make the warrants more liberal.

Ah, what pickings there were! Those were golden days for many an Atlantic port. Here is the privateer schooner Comet, of Baltimore, which, August, 1812, "detains" the first-class ship Henry, 400 tons, four twelve-pounders and six six-pounders, and or's Rights." Within a month after the cargo are published as giving the Comet a return of more than one hundred thousand dollars; the duties to the United States sum fifty thousand dollars.

Here is the Paul Jones, of New York, having only three guns, but one hundred and twenty men, which, on July 25, 1812, When the supply of available vessels was captures the British ship Harrison, fourteen guns, after a fight of half an hour. The

After a cruise of three months, and an

The schooner Rossie, of Baltimore, Cap-2,914 tons. In ninety days she takes eigh-According to the letters of marque and teen prizes valued at \$1,500,000. This in reprisal originally granted, the United States a cruise extending from the Newfoundland paid a bounty of twenty dollars for each per- Banks to the lower end of the Bahamas and

not a man of the crew is lost.

The privateer Thomas, of Portsmouth, fourteen guns, and valued at \$200,000.

is heard from after thirty-seven days at sea. During this time she has captured twentyseven prizes, made 270 prisoners, taken an having burned seven vessels in its harbor. Turkey carpets, forty-three bales of raw three guns; a few weeks later she has sixcopper, zinc," and other stuff as varied in sary in order to provide prize crews. It was her owners.

By February, 1813, eighteen privateers out of Salem have sent into port eighty-seven trophies!

With the close of 1814 these dare-devil skippers and lads from the "banks," from their search for spoil, that underwriters charge thirteen guineas on one hundred pounds to insure a cargo under the British of a six-pounder. flag for passage across the English Channel. brandy is burned by a privateer in Dublin pages of narrative and romance. bay itself!

old privateers. When adapted from the lack of more material armament. Orders in Council, the Berlin and Milan tains" enrolled on board. Decrees, the United We Stand, and the Divided We Fall. company. Out of Baltimore were the High British vessels. A paper of the week re-

back through the Florida gulf, during which Flyer, the Sarah Ann, the Dolphin, the Comet, the Wasp, the Nonesuch. Out of Salem the Fame, the Buckskin, the Polly, seizes the British ship Richmond, 800 tons, the Free Trader, the Madison, the Globe, the Decatur. Out of Philadelphia the Mathilda; In March, 1814, the True Blooded Yankee out of Marblehead the Lion (an animal hardly then in favor in America); out of Bristol the Yankee.

The armament of the same vessel varied island off the coast of Ireland and held it six as her career lengthened. Leaving port days, and terrified a town in Scotland after with only one, two, or three guns, she equipped herself from the enemy. In July, At last her cargo includes "eighteen bales of 1812, the Paul Jones is accredited with silk, twenty boxes of gums, forty-six packs teen! Crews were out of all proportion with of best skins, twenty-four packs of beaver the tennage. Small two-masted schooners skins, 160 dozen swan skins, 190 hides, carried one hundred men! This was necescharacter. . Thus laden she comes home to an advantage, too, in the days when naval battles were fought at pistol-shot distance, and were decided by boarding.

The number of pieces offers more latitude than does the calibre. The prevailing ordnance of the privateers was twenty-fourpounders, twelve-pounders, and six-pounders. harbor and cove, have grown so reckless in Five and a half inches was the bore of a twenty-four-pounder; four and a half that of a twelve-pounder; three and a half, that

The one gun beloved above all others was Merchants of Glasgow and Liverpool meet the "Tom," or "Long Tom" - a "pet" to petition parliament for better protection. cannon, without restriction as to size, They complain that while British men-of-war mounted on a swivel amidships. The old are pretending to blockade the American gunner squinting over his "Long Tom," or coast, British merchantmen are unable to affectionately patting its breech, is a figure sail their own waters. A bark containing which many a writer has emblazoned on the

Muskets, pistols, and boarding pikes, stout Of homely and expressive names were the hearts and brilliant seamanship, atoned for pursuits of peace to the pursuits of war the were made up of the best sailors in the vessels retained, in many instances, their world - the men of Gloucester, Marblehead, previous appellations. Or else they were Portland, and a hundred other famous towns christened in a more significant manner, and hamlets of the Atlantic coast. The log Out of New York were the Teazer, the of the High Flyer mentions three "cap-

Brave spirits had the skippers and men of Appropriately enough, rec- the privateers. Nothing daunted them. A ords indicate that the last two cruised in Salem schooner of ten tons captures three marks: "We shall be using washing-tubs guns, declared Halifax in a state of blocknext!"

to fire them had not been given!

prize-master and men are put aboard her. Six be a prize to some English craft, and abanmiles from Halifax her own crew retake her, and return in triumph to their home port.

tion (of immortal memory), and ere the error gained in safety the open water. has been discovered has thrown overboard twelve out of fourteen guns. Her captain, however, informs Captain Hull of the Constitution that although he has but two guns left he will continue his cruise and take ships by boarding!

The schooner Polly, Salem again, capsized, and her captain and one man of the crew were on the wreck 108 days before they were rescued by a British vessel. The Polly it was which, becalmed off Cape Sable, was attacked by a British sloop-of-war of twentytwo guns. The Britisher sent out a launch, carrying forty men and a four-pounder, to board the little craft. The enemy gave three cheers and opened a hot fire, "but," says the Polly's skipper, "we returned so tremendously with musketry and langrage that in a few moments the launch struck her colors." Then the Polly manned sweeps and made off.

The privateer Nonesuch, of Baltimore, twelve twelve-pounders, and eighty men, on September 28, 1812, fell in with a British ship of sixteen eighteen-pounders and twenty-fourpounders, two hundred men and a schooner of six four-pounders and sixty men. After a fight of three hours and twenty minutes the Nonesuch had so exerted herself that, fore and aft, along either side of her deck the bolts and breechings of her guns had been carried off. "But," insists her captain, "although we could use only our musketry we would have captured both of the enemy's ships, only they bore away and we could not pursue."

ade, and impertinently stationing herself off The privateer schooner Fame arrives at the harbor, sent in a challenge to the La Salem with a 300-ton ship which has two Hogue, British seventy-four. Another British four-pound guns still loaded. Time in which ship preventing escape to sea, the Young Teazer, hoisting English colors over Ameri-The privateer brig Pickering, of Salem, is can, boldly stood into the harbor. Beholdoverhauled by the British frigate Belvidere. A ing this, her pursuer thought that she must doned the chase. Thereupon the Young Teazer hauled down the red, flaunted the The Decatur, of Salem, is chased by mis- "Stars and Stripes" right under the cannon take by the United States frigate Constitu- of the astounded fortress, and tacking,

The Chasseur, privateer, Captain Boyle, almost paralyzed traffic of the English Channel, and mockingly issued a proclamation to the nations at large announcing a blockade of the British Isles!

A grand mixture of bull-dog and sleuthhound were the old privateers. They hung on like grim death. Let us dip into the log of the schooner High Flyer, seven guns, of Baltimore. Nothing need be added, nothing need be omitted; the picture is complete:

"On the 19th of August (1812), lat. 9, 22, at 6 A. M. discovered a fleet bearing S. S. W. distant about 2 leagues. Wore ship and made sail endeavoring to get to windward for the purpose of reconnoitering them. Next day at half past 1 P. M. the frigate from the fleet gave chase, steering various courses; at 5 P. M. dropped him; still pursuing the fleet. At 6 saw the fleet bearing N. The next day, 21st, at 5 P. M., wind moderate, brought to and boarded British ship Diana, Capt. Harvey, one of the Jamaica fleet bound to Bristol, burthen 353 tons, laden with sugar, rum, coffee, etc. Received the crew on board and sent a prize master on board and ordered her for the first port in the United States. At the same time two other sail in sight; at 6 A. M. bore down upon them, fired 3 or 4 shots at them, which were returned by both ships. 22nd at P. M. engaged the two ships at half-gun shot, and after firing on them upwards of 60 shot, breeze blowing fresh, not thinking it safe to board them, at 4 P. M. hauled off. Next day at 4 P. M. wind moderating, bore down upon them and engaged sternmost ship, called the Jamaica, of Liverpool, Capt. Neill, of 7 guns, 21 men, 356 tons, in company with the ship Mary and Ann, of London, Capt. Miller, mounting 12 guns, 16 or 18 men, and 329 tons burthen; when within musket shot we commenced a brisk fire from our great guns and muskets, which was returned with great courage and resolution by both ships. The engagement The Young Teazer, one "Long Tom," two lasted 20 minutes when we boarded and carried the

Jamaica, the Mary and Ann striking her colors at the same time."

So much for the *High Flyer*,—the sleuthnound everlastingly following his prey. Now for the bull-dog—the "hammer and tongs" fight. Narrates the log of the privateer brig *Yankee*:

"August 1, 1812. At meridian continued in chase of a large English armed ship, distant about 4 miles upon lee bow. At 1 P. M. prepared for action, and run down upon her weather quarter, upon which ship filled away and also prepared for action. We immediately fired our first division; ship returned a broadside and action became general. The officers and marines poured into the enemy a full volley of musketry, and the three divisions at the same time gave her a broadside. We then bore away, run athwart her bows, and gave him another broadside which raked him fore and aft, and discharged all the small arms; during this time, however, the enemy kept up a well directed fire, shot away some of our rigging and wounded two of our seamen. But we soon destroyed the ship's running rigging and sails, killed the helmsman, and kept up so warm a fire of round, langrage, cannister and grapeshot, musket balls, buckshot, and pistol bullets that the enemy's ship became unmanageable, and she came right down bows upon us. We instantly sheered off, gave her a full discharge of all our arms, both great and small, and prepared to board her with boarding pikes, muskets, cutlasses and pistols, when the enemy hauled down his flag. The firing then ceased, and we gave the enemy three cheers. Sent Lieut. Sweat, with an armed boat's crew, on board and took possession of her. She proved to be the English letter of marque ship Royal Bounty, Capt. Henry Gambles, 630 tons burden, mounting ten carriage guns, with powder, shot, muskets, and pistols, navigated by twenty-five persons. On boarding her we found two men killed, the captain, his 2 mates, boatswain, cook and 2 seamen dangerously wounded, and that we had shot away nearly all his standing and running rigging, stove his boats, damaged his masts, spars and sails, and pierced the hull and bulwarks with innumerable shot both great and small. Her mainsail received 158 shot of different kinds, her main-top-sail and all other sails were so completely cut to pieces as to be unserviceable. Even her colors were penetrated with six musket shot."

Not an American was killed; only two were wounded!

A busy time of it some of these saucy schooners and brigs had. For example, take a leaf from the log of the Rossie. By this we learn that on July 23, 1812, she was chased by a British frigate which fired twenty-five shots at her but was out-sailed. On July 30 she was chased by another frigate,

and again was too smart for her pursuer. On July 31 she burned the ship Princess Royal; August 1 seized and manned the ship Kitty; August 2 burned the brig Fame, the brig Devonshire, and the schooner Squid, and made a prize of the brig Two Brothers; August 3 sunk the brig Henry and the schooner Race Horse, burned the schooner Halifax, and made a prize of the brig William; August 9, after a short action, took the ship Jeanie, twelve guns; August 10 captured the brig Rebecca. Thus the days went by until, September 12, the privateer was cut almost to pieces in an encounter, "at pistol shot distance," with the packet ship Princess Amelia, but rallied enough to harass for four days a fleet of three ships and a brig, in an endeavor to separate them.

Not all prizes were sent into a home port. When the privateer waxed over-burdened with prisoners, a detachment was loaded aboard a captured vessel and dispatched, perhaps to St. John's, for exchange. Or often there was a chance to turn a pretty penny over and above what might be gained by putting the prize through the regular When the Decatur — mentioned before - captured the British brig Devonshire, bound for France with a cargo of codfish, the captain of the privateer, his eye on the alert for the best market, instructed his prize crew to continue the interrupted voyage, and sell as had been intended. That was down-east shrewdness, was it not!

Many a privateer met strange fortunes of war. On one cruise the Mathilda changed hands four times. First she was taken by the British private-armed brig Lion, twenty-eight guns. The United States brig Argus re-captured her. A British ship intercepted, and again her bows were pointed for an English port, when opportunely the doughty General Armstrong bore down, and at last the "Stars and Stripes" fluttered unrebuked from her masthead.

Magnanimous in victory and sturdy in defeat were the privateersmen of 1812. The Industry, ascertaining that the earnings of a prize which she had seized went to needy people, at once released her, restored her loss incurred by the temporary detention, Captain Porter."

frigate Essex, expressing his desire to "have the Narcissus!"

crew to her deck, and, making up to her the the pleasure of taking a cup of coffee with

started her on her way rejoicing. Said the captain of the Joseph and Mary:

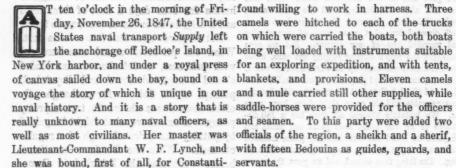
The Joseph and Mary, privateer, was cap- "I hope, sir, you may fall in with Captain tured by the British frigate Narcissus. The Porter, as you wish. If so, you may have English captain inquired vaingloriously as the pleasure of taking a cup of coffee with to the whereabouts of the United States him, but, by ---, it will not be on board

A FORGOTTEN EXPLORATION OF THE DEAD SEA.

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BY JOHN R. SPEARS.

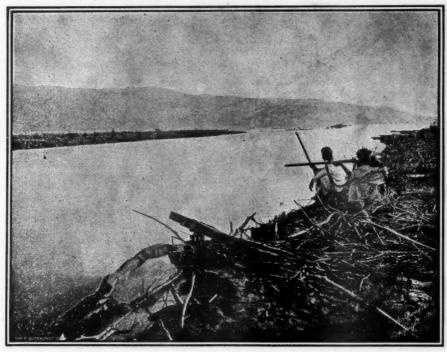
(A Tale from the Annals of the Old Navy.)



along Lieutenant J. B. Dale, Passed-midship- the following extract: "Our course was camp was made near the town of Akka. Abelin, the train entered a narrow gorge and The next day, after failing to secure horses thence, steering E. by N., came to the Blow-

T ten o'clock in the morning of Fri- found willing to work in harness. Three day, November 26, 1847, the United camels were hitched to each of the trucks States naval transport Supply left on which were carried the boats, both boats the anchorage off Bedloe's Island, in being well loaded with instruments suitable

With an American ensign floating from a Having arrived at Constantinople, Captain staff at the stern of each boat, with the Lynch obtained permission to enter the Turk- sailors "yawing to and fro over a heavy ish empire with an armed force. Then he sea" on their unaccustomed mounts, and sailed to the Bay of Acre, on the Syrian with the population of near-by Akka looking coast, and there landed, on April 3, 1848, an on wonderstruck, the procession moved outfit consisting of two whale-boats, the one away. What the natives thought is not made of corrugated plates of copper and the recorded, but Captain Lynch, as he looked other of iron. With these were two low- at the combination of sailors on horseback wheeled, broad-tired trucks or wagons made and whaleboats on camel-drawn wagons to carry the boats. There were harnesses crossing a desert, wrote feelingly that the for horses to draw the wagons, and an abun- procession "presented a glorious sight." dant supply of carbines and pistols, with a To this statement posterity may add that it huge blunderbuss that could be mounted on was also unique. The account which Lynch a pivot in either boat. wrote of the journey is almost without paral-Captain Lynch himself landed, taking lel in the stories of land journeys, as witness man Aulic, and fourteen stout young seamen, first due east to E. S. E., then gradually all equipped for an overland expedition. A around to south, when, crossing a ridge by that would draw the trucks, camels were ing Valley." Naval Jack, though mounted



AT THE MOUTH OF THE JORDAN.

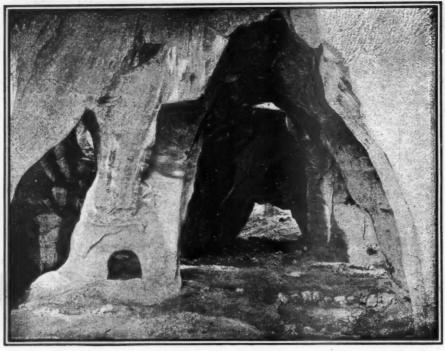
on a horse and following a guide, had to copper boat led the way down the stream. keep his eyes on a binnacle and log the course. And when camp was made that story of this journey down the river makes night, he wrote in his log, "Abelin bore one wish for an opportunity to follow the from the camp S. W. by W. 1 W."

spent on the desert, for thus the land is de- the lake and along the first stretches of the scribed, and on the eighth the caravan ar- river were fields of barley and wheat just rived on the beach of the Lake of Tiberias, ripening. The stream with gentle current The expedition had been fitted out to explore flowed into a low gorge. The rounded banks the River Jordan and the Red Sea.

supplies for the journey. Then the force to wing. was divided, and three of the Americans, including Lieutenant Dale, with a party of abutments with the arches fallen down-

Stripped of the verbiage of a diary, the same route in a cruising canoe. They left The fifth, sixth, and seventh of April were the lake on April 10. On the borders of were "luxuriously clothed with grass and "With their flags flying, and amid a flowers." The scarlet anemone, the yellow crowd of spectators" from the town of marigold, were seen in profusion, while here Tiberias the boats were launched "upon the and there a lily brightened the edges of the blue waters of the Sea of Galilee -- the stream. The river was only seventy-five Arabs singing, clapping their hands, and feet wide, but "wild fowl were feeding in crying for backshish." The only boat on the marsh grass and on the reedy islands" the lake, a scow used in carrying wood to a little further on, and only when the exthe town was purchased, and loaded with pedition was close upon them did they take

The ruins of a stone bridge - picturesque Bedouins, were ordered to follow alongshore were passed, and then they came to a tumble with camels and horses, while Lynch in the of the water that threw the leading boat on

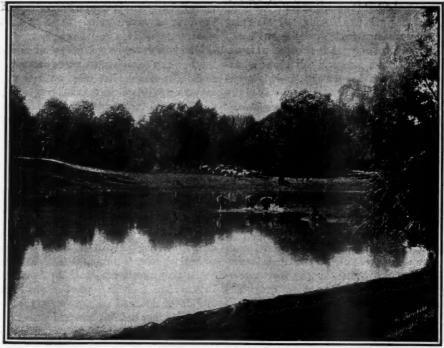


ANCIENT CAVES OF THE HORITES.

a rock, from which it was knocked by the ing them with tackles down the almost perwooden scow. Then away the whole flotilla pendicular banks. went, pitching and tossing about "in immiexperience of the crews in boating through such waters, they all passed safely into the still water below.

As they floated along, the river became The rapids were more dangerous and the banks were loftier and more broken. There were plunges where the loads had to be taken from the boats and carried down to smooth water, while the crew, with a kedgeanchor for a holdfast, passed the rapids in a boat by "slacking away handsomely" on a stout line. Elsewhere they passed the rapids by making fast the lines to brush on the

As the stream grew wilder so did the nent danger." But in spite of the lack of gorge through which it flowed, while the wild life became more abundant. were gulches and ravines filled with dense thickets. There were crags and piles of rocks worn by the elements into perfect pictures of tents, forts, and castles. There were groves of trees and increasing masses of brilliant flowers mingled with the verdure of grass and shrub. The trees increased in size and number. There were oaks and cedars in pleasing numbers, while trees of the willow and poplar varieties were found in groves. They found, eventually, the tree that bears the desert-apple, the existence of bank, reminding one of the work of the old which was at one time disputed by botanists, keel-boat days on the Mississippi, where the and the Arabs brought the fruit of a tree red-shirted boatmen handled their craft in called zukkum, on which they said all unbethe same "bushwhacking" fashion. In two lievers would have to feed through all eterplaces rapids were passed by floating the nity. The taste was very bitter and disboats into abandoned mill-races as far as the agreeable. They also brought branches of ruins of the abandoned mills, and then lower- the thorn tree of which, tradition says, the



THE PILGRIMS' FORD ON THE RIVER JORDAN.

the Spina Christi of one naturalist.

There were land birds of gorgeous plumage. gerous by these salt-water sailors, but a Storks were everywhere present in flocks. Ducks of several kinds were numerous. So And there was just enough work and excitewere pigeons, hawks, owls, herons, partridges, snipe, and ravens, and many birds not named. The most beautiful of all was the brown-breasted, scarlet-headed, crimsonwinged bulbul.

Eventually the tracks of tigers and wild boars were discovered in the soft banks of the roaring river, and then a boar was seen swimming for life just ahead of the expedithe form of a lobster, the head of a mouse, intensity of their fervor. and the tail of a dog The Arabs called it a secure specimens of fish.

crown of thorns of the Master was made - hundred miles, and there was not a boatlength of monotony in the whole route. The birds attracted especial attention. There were twenty-seven rapids called danvoyageur would take them with a shout. ment about each day's drive to make the camp at night seem more luxurious than a sojourn in a palace.

An interesting experience not now to be repeated was the meeting of a band of five thousand Christian pilgrims who arrived at three o'clock in the morning at the ford supposed to be the place where John baptized the Master. It was a veritable mob, tion. They chased him, but he was too gathered from all Christendom, and with quick for them. They were more successful one accord they all rushed into the water, with another beast - a curious thing having with songs and shouts that bespoke the

The expedition entered the Dead Sea on water-dog. They also caught one trout, April 18. "The river where it enters the though no account is given of efforts to sea is inclined towards the eastern shore. There is a considerable bay between the By the stream it was a journey of two river and the mountains of Belka on the spray soon incrusted their clothing with salt. wood. It "conveyed a prickling sensation wherever would prove a different affair from a journey ducks, herons, and humming birds. desert sea in a torrid climate, even in the the ravines. month of April. With the spray filling the killed, and tracks of panthers were observed. air, navigation was a terror; and in a calm times well-nigh unendurable.

greatly enlarged.

turned by water-power on the banks. Here can realize the results of their folly. they found various trees and shrubs even Lines of soundings were run zigzag across acid and of a pleasant flavor." A most standing erect in it. curious fact in connection with the shrub-

eastern shore of the sea," says the log-book. like quinine. Desert though the region was, A growing gale was blowing, and the flying the beaches were covered over with drift

Numerous locusts were found dead on one it touched the skin, and was above all ex- beach. Tarantulas and scorpions abounded; ceedingly painful to the eyes." It is appar- so did mosquitoes. But there was a species ent that a canoe voyage on the Dead Sea of partridge there also, and doves, quail, down the verdure-lined Jordan. For it is a were small fish in the fresh-water pools of Wild boars were seen and

Then there were natives in spite of the the heat and the glaring light were some- desolation, just as there are Indians in our own Death Valley, a region which is at least Nevertheless, to a hardy tourist the very as hot as that of the Dead Sea and quite as desolation of the region would prove attrac- desolate and interesting. These were Arabs, There were rock-terraces rising to of course. Some of them asked the Bedouins five hundred and even a thousand feet or of the exploring party if the boats had legs more above the sea. There were indescrib- with which to wade across the sea. In their ably fantastic outlines among the weather- habits they were worse than any American worn precipices. There were caves and Indians from a civilized point of view, but dens that have been time and again the in spite of dirt and religious bigotry it aphaunts of oppressed men as well as of hunted pears that they had folk-lore and ballads beasts. These caves were found to be of especially love ballads - which some unprejuconsiderable extent and there was abundant diced student might find at once pleasing evidence that the size and form of them had and profitable. There were other ethnologbeen altered by men. Some had been ical features worth consideration, and one should not forget the Mohammedan tradition The gorges along the coast where the that the monkeys there were formerly men streams came in were particularly impressive. who refused to use their faculties, and who In some of these gorges pools of fresh water in their degenerate condition are restored were found with ruins of stone mills once once a year to a state of mind where they

though there was no visible water. Some the sea from end to end. Many depths of osier trees (Sodom apple tree) were found 170 fathoms were obtained, and one of 1,300 bearing delicate purple, bell-shaped flowers feet was reached. The lead brought up crysin large clusters that were all the more beautals of salt in many places; elsewhere blue, tiful because of their desolate background. gray, and yellow mud, and in one place, at Only one large grove of palms was seen. The a depth of 137 fathoms, the lead brought up Spina Christi, the tree from which the mock a well-preserved leaf of a tree. The specific crown was made, was here found with its gravity of the water was so great that a fruit ripe. In taste the fruit was "sub- muscular man floated with breast up when

To sum it all up, a reading of the log of bery was the growth of brush in the edge of this expedition gives such a glimpse of the Dead Sea. The branches were kept the region as to inspire one with a desire to covered with crusts of salt by the swash of go and see things that must be there, though waves and rain of spray. A wild melon the log does not mention them. Lynch was looked exactly like a cantaloupe and tasted a splendid naval sailor, but not a naturalist.

With such a training as our modern nature of a calm day, when the flat surface of the stronger attraction for many tourists than desert over which some observing wanderer the fairest vernal regions. Even in the heat should paddle his own canoe.

books give he would have told a very differ- sea lay glowing like molten metal and the ent and much more interesting story. air was full of the purple mists raised by Nevertheless he did something worth while evaporation, the wonders of the scene comin showing that more might be accomplished. pensated for its dangers. And we will not Taking sentences here and there from among forget the satisfaction felt by those who uninteresting masses of details about daily travel where the common herd dare not go. routine, one sees that with its barren cliffs A railroad now crosses the desert. Thoua thousand feet high, its terraces, its black sands of tourists see it from car windows, gorges, its thorny flora, and its varied where other thousands have seen the regular fauna, here was and is a splendid desert. pilgrim-routes as Prime and Mark Twain saw Because it is a desert it would have a them. But here is a byway of the Syrian

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BY E. CARL LITSEY.

Wrapped round with wisdom like a cloak, he stands, The Book of Life wide open in his hands. Earth's secrets are to him as children's play -He passes by the things for which men pray. Far back in cells of memory are hid Thoughts, which in form would make a pyramid. Beneath the white crown which he calmly wears Lie potent contradictions to all doubts — all fears. Learning sits silent, its just meed to pay: And Knowledge hangs its head, and slinks away. Earth holds for him no mystery untold; No hidden thing which men would buy with gold. Yet, like a child, he stands, helpless and dumb, Before that wall which marks the life to come!

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IRRIGATION AND THE AMERICAN FRONTIER.

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tion, according to the census of settled land. 1900, discloses a remarkable condifrontier has retreated. About 1890 surveys were being made under miles from the Atlantic coast. tance.

been considered as vacant territory or "the shortened to 3,337 miles. wilderness ": that on the eastern side, containing more than six inhabitants to the mile, for the grand rush across the plains. It was

HE chart of distribution of popula- has been regarded as fully reclaimed or

The distribution of people in the United tion in the advance of the people States according to the census of 1790, the across the continent. For the first time the first one taken, showed the front line extend-Man has retired ing in a great westward curve from what is before hostile nature. Ten years before, now the state of Maine to Georgia (Fig 1). according to the census of 1890, the front Omitting an adventurous group or "island" wave of people had apparently crossed the of people who had reached the "blue grass" arid region and had reached at one point region of Kentucky, and another settled the state of Utah. It has now returned to about Nashville, Tennessee, the most westwestern Kansas and Nebraska. Contem- wardly point reached by the advance line of poraneous with these stages may be found pioneers was in the eastern part of Tennessee two actions of the national government between the Holston and the French Broad intended to correct this retrogression. rivers. It was little more than five hundred congressional appropriations for a system of from the founding of Jamestown, it had irrigation to redeem the arid regions that taken the people almost two hundred years have stopped the advance of the frontier. to cross the Alleghanies and to penetrate In 1902, following the first appeal ever made the interior a distance of five hundred miles.

by a president for such aid, congress enacted When the disturbing inequalities of the its first measure for national control of irri- Alleghany mountains had once been crossed. The history of the law of movement the people never varied from their due west of population therefore assumes fresh impor- course. Frequently long arms were extended from the front line up some navigable stream. By the word "frontier" as technically or an indentation was made by some swamp used in America, one understands the front or other obstacle, the indentation being line of advance of the people across the con- eventually transformed into an unoccupied tinent. It is the vertical zone of from two island as the wave swept on. With the imto six people to the square mile. In deter- proved means of transportation afforded by mining this proportion, the whole number of the introduction of railways, less regard was inhabitants in each county or parish is divided paid to waterways and topography. Indenby the number of square miles it contains. tations and projections were alike smoothed If still smaller definition is required, the out and the frontier began to assume a towns or townships are similarly treated. straight north and south line. In 1810, for Since the movement in peopling the central instance, it was 2,900 miles in length, countpart of the continent has been from the ing inequalities. In twenty years the move-Atlantic to the Pacific - from east to west ment through Georgia and into the new - the frontier necessarily extended at right Louisiana had increased its length to 5,300 angles to this direction. The land lying on miles. But by 1860, notwithstanding the the west of the frontier belt, since it con- accession of Texas, so uniform had the tained less than two people to the mile, has advanced line become that the frontier was

This year of 1860 marks the "line up"

to be the most uniform and, as now appears, retreated in despair, awaiting the fostering the last stand taken by the pioneers in their hand of the nation. forward movement. It is the only position coln's early life is as familiar at the present line near the 101st degree of west longitude.

This retreat of man before impossible condiof the "frontier" in the common usage of tions is clearly shown by contrasting the fronthe word. Not the isolated frontier of tier line of 1890 with that of 1900 (Fig. 2). Boone and Knox in Kentucky and Tennessee, The great ligament, which in 1890 bound Colonot the later Ohio frontier contemporary rado to the solidly populated parts of the East with the settlement at Marietta, nor yet the has disappeared, and the frontier again exlonely Indiana and Illinois frontier of Lin-tends as an almost straight north and south day as the frontier of the "Great Plains." A long peninsula of unoccupied land now Forty years ago the front line of migration thrusts itself down from the Canadian border had reached this magnificent slope, which to the Rio Grande. The Colorado projection

of 1890 is again an island of people. It may be said that the population in certain western counties of Kansas and Nebraska and in eastern counties of Colorado was falsely returned in 1890; but it is also true that the settlers whom the "boom" times of 1886 and 1887 drew to those parts had not yet withdrawn, and that the census of 1900 shows what has really happened - a retrogression of the frontier for the first time in the history of the United States. Thousands of acres lie in those districts, belonging to loan and trust companies, while many tracts have been abandoned and offered for sale for taxes. Many irrigation companies are bankrupt and have given up their plans of reclaiming the land. It is practically returned to "wild" country, although not to the national domain.

On the west of the Rocky mountains a from the upward sweep of the Missouri to similar retreat is noted. From the days of the Rockies, and from the Canadian boundary the gold-fever migration to California, a line to Texas. Now it has crossed the counter frontier had pushed out boldly from Plains, the waves of population have tossed the Pacific to meet the main wave coming



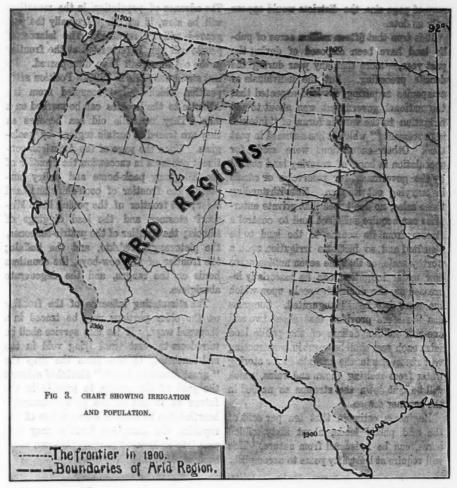
stretched away five hundred miles in width up against the Rockies, and they have west. Its slow rate of progress shows the



to join them, had materially shrunk.

than in the mining regions. Lines of posts courageous miner, seems to have taken her

Probable results if some Columbus had with occasional strands of wire, dry irrigabrought civilization to the western instead tion ditches, and abandoned dugouts or sod of the eastern coast of the American conti- houses show where over-confident man has When adventurous spirits had pushed retreated from the unequal contest. On a migration over the Coast Range and through bluff above the Little Missouri stands the the Sierra Nevada mountains, they were con-dark green "mansion" of the Marquis de fronted by an arid inland basin. Into it one Mores, in its loneliness overlooking the dearm was thrust by the mining industries of serted abattoir which was to be supplied by Nevada. Another similar arm came down cattle from twenty thousand acres of land over the mineral workings of Idaho. By surrounding it. Nature, driven back foot 1900 both projections had retreated, while by foot, across the continent from the Atlanthe "island" of Utah, which once promised tic coast, relinquishing valley and prairie to the hardy pioneer with his rifle and the Evidences of the retreat of the frontier farmer with more peaceful weapons, conare even more manifest in the agricultural quered even in her mountain fastnesses by the



bordering the Rockies on either side. Intrenched in her alkali and sandy fortress she says to man, "Thus far shalt thou come and no farther."

Is it likely that the contest will end here? Is it probable that the advance must remain thus permanently thrown back upon itself?

The reply seems to lie entirely within the province of the art of irrigation, thus far in its infancy. The prediction is verified by

final stand in this mid-West rainless region eastern and western sides. These push the civilization limits slightly inside the bounds of insufficient rainfall. But generally the two coincide. Within this apparently impossible region lies a vast area of public land, six hundred million acres, still at the disposal of the national government and likely to remain so unless the benefits of irrigation can be brought to it through a new kind of "internal improvement." Montana contains the most of these half billion acres of undisposed comparing the front line of people in 1900 public lands. Then follow in decreasing with the boundaries of the arid region, as order, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, they were drawn for the Senate report on Utah, California, Colorado, Oregon, and irrigation (Fig. 3). A narrow belt of "dry North Dakota. Upon this vast area irrigafarming" lies inside the arid limits on both tion has made such slight impress that on a

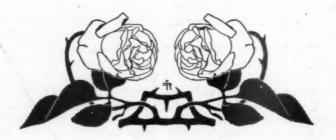
map of page size the districts would appear The advance of population in the meantime only as dots.

creased on the diminutive scale upon which aborigines. the work has been inaugurated. Congress vast reservoirs in the mountains for storing water from melting snows and rains, which the summer season.

will require at least fifty years to accomplish. become oblivion.

will be slow, if at all. Gradually the lost It is true that fifteen million acres of pub- ground will be regained. The islands of lic land have been disposed of during the people will run together. But the frontier past year, - more than any year during the in the old sense will have disappeared. Its decade preceding. But the individuals or last stand was made in 1890. Position after companies acquiring the land expected that position which it has occupied from the the national government was about to add Atlantic to the Rockies can be marked on a irrigation to the various forms of "internal map. They resemble old sea beaches as improvements" which it has assumed in past they are traced in certain regions by geolotime. Other acquisitions were made for gists. Upon the page of the American conspeculation in hope of securing land needed tinent one sees in succession the frontier of by the government for reservoirs or canals the Alleghany pack-horse and peltry curin carrying out its plan. Notwithstanding rency; the frontier of coon-skins and hard these sales, no one hopes that private enter- cider; the frontier of the puffing little Misprise can acquire sufficient land to control a souri steamer and the lead diggings of stream from its source to the land to be Illinois; the frontier of the prairie-schooner. benefited and so institute irrigation upon a the picturesque redskin, and the buffalo; worthy scale, or that the seven million acres the frontier of the cow-boys, the countless now under irrigation can be materially in- herds on the ranges, and the degenerate

The stimulating influence of the frontier has therefore provided that about two and on the older portions may be traced in a one-half million dollars of the public land thousand ways. If its last service shall be sales each year shall be spent in constructing to redeem the vast tract lying void in the mid-continent, to blot from the map the "great American desert" stretched athwart will be sent down the streams as needed in the path of the people, to provide in the future as it has in the past innumerable Engineers estimate that ten per cent of hearthstones to become cornerstones of the the arid public lands, about sixty million republic, the American frontier may well acres, can be redeemed from nature. This pass into an honored memory that can never



WHY BRIGANDS THRIVE IN TURKEY.

BY EMMA PADDOCK TELFORD.

Balkans still under Turkish rule absolute, or between 1792 and 1804. under Turkish suzerainty.

fro along the Adriatic.

selves assumed control.

nected with the exploits of these popular not to be confounded with its usual history. heroes, who appear in Servia under the name

HE kidnaping of Miss Stone has tions of the Turkish beys, welcomed the again called attention to what is an Haidutin as a deliverer. Women were held everyday occurrence throughout the sacred in the eyes of these chivalrous cut-Ottoman Empire in Asia, and no un- throats, who were vastly different from the common thing among the portions of the notorious Krdzaligen who devastated Bulgaria The Turkish soldiers sent to subdue these renegades Even from mythological days, the Bal- usually joined forces with them, and terrible kans - the Haemus of the ancients - have was the destruction which they caused. A been the stage upon which a continuous per- grim description of the nakedness of the formance of outlawry - vaudeville and trag- country has been left by a Frenchman who edy - has been enacted. "From here," traveled through it at this time, disguised wrote Ovid, during his expatriation from as a Tartar. "A stillness as of the grave sunny Italy, "the barbarians scour and reigned over the deserted fields; corpses and devastate the neighboring country"; and smouldering cottages followed the track of from these mountain eyries the race of the brigands, and the peasants had fled or Vladimir swooped down upon the rich argo- fallen a prey to the wild beasts or more sies of Constantinople, which passed to and ferocious men who roamed the land. Most celebrated of these dare-devils was Osman With the advent of the Turks in the four- Pasvanoglu, who established himself as Pasha teenth century, the plot thickened. Brigand- of Vidin, levied taxes, and coined money on age, which heretofore had been to a greater his own account. He had a large army at or less degree the profession of merry men his heels, and was even meditating a descent of leisure, whose tastes for quiet living were on Constantinople, when he died. His folstill uncultivated, took on the character of lowers then entered the service of the gova patriotic movement. With no redress ernment and quartered themselves upon the against the wrongs perpetrated upon them villages, demanding "tooth-money," or by their savage conquerors, and in the dearth dyschak, for the wear and tear of their teeth of national leaders, the brigand chiefs them- on the hard bread of the poor peasants whose unwelcome guests they had been. This Thousands of legends and songs are con- reign of terror was an episode in brigandage,

The Greek Klephts counted themselves of Haiduks, in Bulgaria under that of Haide-patriots, — and their deeds of daring heroism outs or Haidutins, and in Greece and Albania during the Greek War of Independence called under that of Klephts. Like Robin Hood, forth the plaudits of Europe. It was at this they are represented as protectors of the time that the women lent a helpful hand, poor and weak, the friends of Christians and laying aside the distaff for the sword and the scourge of the Mohammedan oppressor. yataghan, accompanying their husbands to These men despised mere thieves as " poultry the mountains and sharing their fare and stealers," but regarded themselves as fate. On the cessation of hostilities, many patriots and benefactors of their race, in of the women found themselves too much in which opinion the public at large coincided. love with the charms of a life in the green-The villagers, groaning beneath the exac- wood to give it up. One woman named



GROUP OF CIRCASSIANS.

Peristera, "The Pigeon," joined a band of valor that she actually passed for a man. name of Vanghelli; to which her followers fession. In winter the lack of cover on the added the soubriquet of Spano or "Beardless." Balkans sent them to their homes, and they she appeared to grow tired of it and, leaving be in readiness for another season. To this vice-consulate at Larissa where she gave in tains bears the secret sign by which they at the time represents her in full Klepht cos- folk-song. tume, swords, pistols, and yataghan at waist, gun in hand, and round her neck suspended the insignia of chieftainship, a broad silver disc bearing in relief a representation of the brigand's patron saint, St. George, in his conflict with the dragon.

Bulgarian Amazons there have been, too, in abundance, who stormed Turkish caravans, sabre in hand, with the skill and courage of men. A century ago one of the most desperate of these bands was commanded by a woman who performed such prodigies of

brigands and became their leader under the There was no disrepute attached to this pro-After pursuing this calling for several years, would bury their arms beneath the trees to the mountains, she repaired to the British day the bark of many an oak in the mounher submission. The Ottoman authorities marked the spot. After a few years the granted a pardon to the penitent brigandess, Haidutin women usually retired from active who was then received into the service of business, married, and settled down to the Greek Archbishop. A photograph taken domestic life like Penka in the Bulgarian

PENKA'S ADIEU TO HER BRIGAND LIFE.

Thus to Penka spoke her mother: "When the day comes for thy wedding, When thou leadest the procession, See that thou thine evelids raise not. See thou look not to the mountains, Lest the Svátobi * imagine Thou hast walked the hills a brigand."

> To her mother answered Penka: " I of thee would ask a favor -Ask it also of my father

* Matchmaker.



BULGARIAN BRIGANDS ON THEIR WAY TO EXECUTION.

My own sabre bright, Frank-fashioned, new light. To the stable dark she hastened, did deliverance come. If he was in Straight led out the well-fed courser, On his back she girthed the saddle; Penka to the hills betook her, Bearing presents to the heroes, To remind her ancient comrades

In Bulgaria, also, the brigands have been in Europe. especially valorous when a patriotic move- In these two provinces conditions are ment was on foot. During the Servian- essentially different. The Albanians or Bulgarian hostilities three thousand Mace- Skipetar, as they prefer to call themselves, donian brigands offered their services to are largely Mussulmans or of no religion at Prince Alexander and were formed into a all. They take to brigandage because they

That he give to me a techer, "brigand brigade," So creditably did this Give me back my manly garments. brigade acquit itself on the field of Slivnitza Give me, too, my pair of pistols. Appending that Bulgarians stood revealed to Europe in a

And my good long-barreled rifle.

Once again as man I'd wander,

The Servians, too, found from bitter ex-Were't but two or three days, mother, perience that "those who would be free, Were it but a few hours only. themselves must strike the blow," and not Once more to the hills I'd hie me, until the shrinking, cringing, Christian To the Balkan with the brigands;
There the gallant ones await me."

rayahs plucked up courage and took to the Scarce had Penka finished speaking mountain peaks, their hands against the When she donned her manly garments, Turks, and the Turks' hands against them,

As one after another of the little Balkan states - Montenegro, Roumania, Servia, To the mountain of the brigands, Besnia, and Bulgaria - crept out from under Turkish sovereignty and joined the onward To each one she gives a kerchief march of civilization, brigandage lost its Folded round a golden sequin, prestige as an ancient and honorable profes-Of the day when Penka wedded. Sien. Not so, however, in Albania and Macedonia, the last stronghold of the Turk

like it and prefer to make a profession of it. They count cowardice and unfaithfulness to Utterly disregardful of human life, they are an accepted trust as worse than death. complacently indifferent to their present Brigandage and cattle-lifting are not deemed Ottoman masters. Caring nothing for agri- disgraceful, inasmuch as they are acts of



A TOSK, ALBANIAN BRIGAND.

culture, trade, or commerce, they produce nothing upon which taxes can be levied, and, if they were levied, it would be more than any tax-gatherer's life would be worth to collect them. Wild and lawless by nature. possessed of a natural aptitude for fighting, their blood-feuds and constant border warfare permit few of them to die a natural death. No Albanian ever stirs abroad without being armed to the teeth. There is a legend that because of their fierceness the rulers of the infernal regions refused for a long time to harbor any Albanians from this world. At last a monk, Duro, bought of the pope's agent permission for them to enter the lower regions and removed from his countrymen the disgrace of being too violent to be admitted to hell.

They are, however, noted for their faithfulness, which, coupled with their love of fighting for the fight's sake, makes them much

prowess. Some idea of an Albanian brigand's conception of honor may be gathered from these authentic instances which might be multiplied indefinitely.

A well-to-do Englishman whose business necessitated frequent trips to the interior of Albania, on which occasions he frequently brought back large sums of money, was always accompanied by a faithful Albanian cavass. On one occasion, after penetrating into the wildest part of his jurisdiction, his guard walked into the room where he was seated, and after making his temela, or salute, said: "Chorbadji, I shall leave you; therefore I have come to say to you Allaha semarladu" (good-bye).

"Why," said the astonished man, "what is to become of me in this outlandish place, without you?"

"Oh," was the reply, "I leave you because I have consented to attack and rob you, and as such an act would be cowardly and treacherous while I eat your bread and salt, I give you notice that I mean to do it on the highway as you return home. So take what precautions you like, that there may be fair play between us."

This said, he made his second temela and disappeared. He was as good as his word. Returning to his former profession, he assumed control of a brigand band, and at its head waylaid and attacked his former master. Forewarned in this case was forearmed. and the escort provided was strong enough to overpower the brigands.

On another occasion an English government official who owned an estate in Macedonia and was about to start for it, received a crumpled, dirty little note written in the Greek-Albanian dialect to this effect:

"Much Esteemed Effendi and Venerated Benefactor:-"Some years ago your most humble servant and his companions were in difficulties. You saved them from prison and perhaps from the halter.

The service has never been forgotten, and the debt we owe to you will be shortly redeemed by my informin demand for watchmen, cavasses, etc. ing you that the robber band of Albanians in the

vicinity of your chiftlik have received instructions and have accepted the task of shooting you down the first time you come in this direction. I and my valiant men will be on the lookout to prevent the event if possible, but we warn you to be on your guard, for your life is in danger,

"Kissing your hand respectfully, I sign myself,
"A Member of the Very Band."

The Albanian is free and easy, therefore proverbially short of cash. This does not weigh very heavily on his mind, for shouldering his long gun, or yataghan, he takes openly to the highway and wooes the fickle goddess Fortune with uniform success. The wealthy chorbadjis are always considered legitimate prey, as also the caravan of peasants returning home from market. These unfortunates are usually stripped of all they possess, cruelly beaten, and often killed. Well-to-do people and the sons of magnates who are sufficiently wealthy to redeem them by the payment of large ransoms are carried off as hostages.

Quite different is the case with the Bulgarians who form the larger part of the population of Macedonia. The Macedonian Bulgar, like his brother of free Bulgaria, would be a decent member of society, if he could. Rough, uncouth, stolid, ignorant, yet industrious, frugal, and possessed of qualities that, rightly improved, would render him a valuable member of society, misfortune seems to have marked him for her own. Forgotten by Christian Europe, which by the Berlin treaty of 1878 bound the sultan to introduce without delay a number of reforms in Macedonia, the condition of the Bulgar church has steadily gone from bad to worse.

Instead of endowing the Christian population of the province with the same rights and privileges as their Mohammedan fellow subjects, taxes have been increased, abduction, robbery, and murder are common occurrences, and the honor of every Christian woman is at the mercy of the first Mussulman whom she has the misfortune to please. Instead of being punished by the Ottoman authorities, the perpetrators are encouraged. Christians are forbidden under severe penalties to carry arms for the purpose of defense. What wonder that under Turkey's evil sys-

tem of political economy brigandage has grown to be the only lucrative trade! If, maddened by the exactions and cruelties of the Turkish beys who fatten on Christians, a peasant dares strike down his Moslem master, he must take to the hills and live the life of a brigand ever after, while his wife and children and relatives are being tortured to death by the authorities. It was this lamentable state of affairs that gave the Macedonian committee its ostensible raison d'être.

In January, 1899, this committee issued a memorial to the powers, recounting their grievances and demanding that Macedonia and the vilayet of Adrianople be made autonomous, as Crete is, and threatening that unless this was done the despairing population would resort to extreme measures. They closed by saying; "Since Europe takes no



BULGARIAN BRIGANDS OF THE MOUNTAINS.

interest in the fate of Christians in Turkey until they are exterminated *en masse*, it were better for them, instead of seeing their brothers murdered one by one, day after day, to give their ancient tyrants a pretext for a general massacre, so that they may quench their thirst for blood once for all. Perhaps the Christian blood thus shed would move throughout the Ottoman Empire. It has Christian Europe to pity."

However noble may have been the original motives of the committee (and it certainly has many sympathizers throughout the whole Balkan peninsula), it has latterly taken the form of brigandage on a large scale. Blackmail, under menace of assassination, has been levied upon wealthy people in Macedoplots money is essential. Worse than all, under cover of this association, the desperadoes and cutthroats of all Southeastern Europe are carrying on their nefarious work, secure from all interference so long as they share backsheesh and keep on good terms with devastate these lands of Ottoman misrule.

And here, indeed, is the reason for the continuance of brigandage, in a nutshell. of ruin, desolation, poverty. never give," is impossible. Commerce, liable to so many risks - there can be none. Turkey's policy in the management of what might be great industries is distinctly suicidal. Revenues out of all proportion to the holdings of the peasants are collected in the provinces and go to the sultan's treasury out of which he pays his spies and his provincial twice in the year, on the first day of Bairam (feast) which is celebrated at the end of the month of Ramazan (fast), and sometimes on it. the day of Courban Bairam (sacrificial feast). On these occasions the Constantinople papers burst into pæans of praise eulogizing the sultan, "whose kindly heart has been touched to bestow his benevolent fatherly care upon wife and daughters. his servants by paying them their two months' arrears of salary," etc.

produced a horde of conscienceless officials who realize that the government expects them to make their own salaries out of the very people whose interests they might be supposed to conserve. In levying and collecting the taxes the meanest form of extortion is employed.

Instead of making a just estimate of the nia, in Bulgaria, and in Roumania, for in value of property or produce (for every tree and field is assessed), a price is put upon it without any examination and always far above its value. Then, unless the officials are bribed in advance by the farmers, the tithe-collector will busy or hide himself until the crop, exposed to drenching rain and the Turkish officials. Thus clothed and pro- scorching sun, is spoiled. No one is pertected in the garb of politics, wild Circas- mitted to harvest a field or pick the fruit of sians, fierce Georgians, lawless Bashi-Ba- a tree until permission is granted by the zouks, hardy Albanians, Bulgar renegades, Turkish official. Not long ago, a peasant in wily Greeks, and savage Turks -- all "fel- Adabazar was taxed double the amount called lows of the baser sort"-range and for by law. Daring to apply to the court for justice, the judge said: "Your nose is too big. You are rich enough to afford it."

Other methods of extortion whereby the The whole account of Turkey is a sad story officials are profited are the giving of false Agriculture receipts, the road-tax, and the quartering of in a land whose policy is "take, take and the soldiers in the rate-payers' houses. As the majority of the peasants cannot read or write, receipts that give smaller sums or All economic activity is paralyzed, for earlier dates are frequently palmed off upon them. The road repair scheme comes under the head of road and labor tax. When in the imagination of the governor or pasha a road needs repair, he orders the Christians to work on the road for a number of days without any compensation. Meanwhile he officials. The pay-days come but once or reports to the Constantinople government that so much money has been spent for repairs. The amount received, he pockets Those who are behindhand with their taxes have soldiers sent to live in their homes, where they rummage everywhere, use everything as if it were their own personal property, even to the dishonoring of

No appealed case is ever attended to in court unless the officials are bribed. No It is this delay in the payment of salaries concession was given to the American Ice that has been productive of untold evil Company in Constantinople until the com-



A CROAD: EMPLOYED AS CARAS OR GUARD BY MEN A NOTED BRIGAND CHIEF (TURKISH) WHO RETIRED FROM OF WEALTH AND POSITION.



THE BUSINESS A FEW YEARS AGO AND NOW LIVES NEAR SMYRNA.



BULGARIAN COMMON SOLDIERS, WHO GUARD THE BORDER.



MIRODITES, ALBANIAN BRIGAND, WITH SERVANTS.

between Jaffa and Jerusalem.



sheesh!" is the demand of the beggar. "Backsheesh!" is the cry at the custom house. "Backsheesh!" is the command of the judge who sits on the bench. "Backsheesh! backsheesh!" everywhere and for everything! What wonder that so corrupt a government has turned loose a horde of widow of the artist, Samuel Richards, writes

Nearly always they have protectors in high ters a day in all weathers. places to help them escape the arm of the law which is a poor, weak arm at best. If nest of thieves and robbers. The streets a force of soubaris (mounted police) is sent in are still lighted with kerosene oil, more chase, the laxity with which their duty is often than not speedily extinguished by the expedition a foregone conclusion.

pany promised to provide the palace with ice functory performance of duty is when the for nothing. It cost the French company brigands have shown themselves so utterly seventy-five thousand dollars before they lacking in discrimination as to hold up some could lay down the first railroad track rich Turkish official having influence with "Back- the Porte, or some influential European with a government behind him. When this happens the police force is augmented by armed zaptiehs, who push their quest with such vigor that a gruesome row of crucified brigands soon stands, a ghastly object lesson, in the nearest market-place.

For example, four years ago a Frenchwoman and her maid walking alone near Haidar Pasha, a suburb of Constantinople, were suddenly seized and taken to the moun-A ransom of twenty-five hundred dollars was set, and the Turkish government compelled to advance the amount to the French ambassador (the French stand no nonsense in matters of this kind and the Porte understands it), who forwarded the money to the brigands. The women were at once released. The brigands were run to cover, and dead and living chained together and exposed in the market-place of Nicomedia for two days.

A few years ago some Turkish women on their way from the ancient baths at Coury les Bains, Yalora, were captured by brigands and kept until ransomed. Since then a body of soldiers has always been kept on guard to prevent a repetition of this mistake. American woman, Mrs. Louise Park Richards, robbers and brigands in the country and from there that it is "quite an experience thieves in the cities? "Baluk bashdan being escorted by soldiers armed to the teeth, bokmush" (the fish is spoiled from the head). when one is simply going to have rheumatism The immunity afforded brigands who share steamed out." This patrol visits eight or their loot with the officials is proverbial. ten villages, covering some forty kilome-

Constantinople itself is a veritable hornet's discharged, the neglect of proper precautions fresh breeze from the Black Sea. This adds to insure success, and their extreme unwill- to the protection of the robbers, and no one ingness to expose themselves to hardship or thinks of going out after dark without an danger make the futile termination of the armed guard. For years the police captains, not only in old Stamboul but in Galata The only exception to the ordinarily per- and Pera in the European quarter, claimed but the instigator as well.

Circassian, Georgian, Turk.

Turks - have sisters or daughters who are fish is spoiled from the head.

that it was an impossibility to catch the favorites in the palace. In this case they This because they knew that their are immune from detection or punishment, salaries depended upon the higher officials, no matter how flagrant their offense. If who in turn depended upon the thieves. At there is too great a hue and cry raised against last the European residents made such vigor- their nefarious methods, a compromise is ous complaints to the Turkish government, effected by appointing them to some lucrathrough their several ambassadors, that a tive government position. Such was the rigid examination was instituted in their notorious Moussa Bey, who, after the Armequarter, and the police captain himself found nian massacres, was given a position of to be not only the protector of the thieves honor in the interior. A number of the officials in the palace have served their turn on The thieves in cities are usually Greeks or the road, while Smyrna even more than degenerate native-born Europeans, but the Constantinople, is the center of a large poly-"brother in the mountains" - not a shame- glot settlement of ex-brigands, who, when ful confession by any means - is now an no longer preying on the world at large, Albanian, now a Bulgar, now Greek, Kurd, devour each other. Such is the anomaly of a government founded and maintained on It frequently happens that these men - organized brigandage, legalized murder. particularly the Circassians, Georgians, and Again, "Baluk bashdan, bokmush!" The



WHERE BRIGANDS THRIVE

EVERY-DAY JAPAN.

BY BEVERLEY BLAKE.

pique, and never to satisfy, the reader's of arms. interest.

pleasure of writing about it.

A COUNTRY CURIO SHOP.

By curios I mean old Japanese works of service.

N looking over my note-books and -were in even worse plight. They knew pictures, I find a large mass of facts nothing about work, in the ordinary sense about Japan which are rather hard of the word. They had been a leisure class to classify under one title. The for centuries, except for their occasional familiar things of Japanese life are too often military exploits. Food, clothes, and shelignored altogether by foreign writers, or are ter had always been furnished them, and touched upon so gingerly as scarcely to their education had been chiefly in the use

Suddenly they were called upon to support If one deals only with common types and large families, and with the coming of the occupations to be studied there, one finds emperor into more direct and absolute sovcontrasts enough to our own, in all con- ereignty, all their warlike occupations were science. Victor Hugo once said that nothing gone - the whole feudal system abolished. is more certain to happen than the impos- They were more helpless than the negroes sible; and in the Land of Topsy-Turvydom of our own southern states after the close this seems especially true. But what after of the Civil War; for the negroes had worked a long residence in Japan becomes familiar with their hands and knew nothing else, and therefore negligible, is on first view while the samurai always had despised menial often curious or striking. Therefore in this toil as far beneath their dignity. At this paper I shall transcribe from my notes cer- time priceless works of art were sold for a tain impressions which, though jotted down song. The time had come when caste must when I was a fresh arrival in the empire, I take a back seat and money was to step to have no reason now to change. The illustra- the front. The impoverished samurai, who tions, selected from my large private collec- formerly had looked down in lofty disdain tion, here and there refresh my mind on some on the merchant and banker, no matter how points not originally mentioned in the note- rich, now bowed before him and humbly books; and to me, next to the pleasure of begged for food to keep him and his family living in Japan, which I left after a five from starving. Piece by piece he parted years' residence, in April of last year, is the with his household treasures, till at last only his swords and the swords of his ancestors were left. He would not part with these, but his children, in many cases, have done so.

An old samurai from Owari came to visit art, and these are fast disappearing from me while I lived in Nagoya. He brought the stores and shops of the empire. In the with him his six swords - one eight hundred old feudal days nearly all the works of art years old. He was afraid that if he left were in the temples and in the collections them at home a fire might ruin them or that of nobles, except such pieces as were given they might be stolen. When I took him to to their retainers as rewards of faithful the club he carried his swords on his shoulder. He cleaned them fastidiously every When the present emperor, Mutsu Hito, morning. He slept with them beside him came into power most of the temple lands every night. You were requested not to and the estates of many of these lords were speak or smoke while he was showing them. confiscated, and the nobles had to sell their One of them was carried by the second in Their retainers — the samurai command of the famous Forty-seven Ronins.



A COUNTRY CURIO SHOP.

they were fed at the house of my friend's ancestor, and in return for his hospitality he was presented with this sword. It should be added, in respect to the samurai, that they were given positions in the public service wherever possible, many of them becoming policemen.

Well, these relics of castles and baronial villas were either bought up by the government for national and city museums or by rich men for their own collections, or found their way into the hands of merchants, who bought them for speculation. Large shipments were sent to Europe, and in museums and private houses there many of these rare souvenirs may be seen. The time for such bargains is past, and curio dealers now have to sell contemporary products.

But no people are more clever than the Japanese in making the new look old I have seen them take a piece of new porcelain, rub down the bottom and all the edges to make it look smooth, as if from the fric-

Just before they gave themselves up finally, tion of long usage, boil it in tea for a day, so as to give it a dark color and crack the glazing, wrap it in silk, put it in an old lacquer-box bearing the crest of some noble family - and sell it to a tourist for more perhaps than the contents of the whole shop were worth. Even sharp-eyed connoisseurs are fooled in this way. As to valuable swords, you can tell those that are genuine. Certain signs or designs on the clay-tempered blade, as well as the maker's name on the end to which the handle is attached, give the clue to its merits.

Many tourists, thinking they have bought a really fine old piece of faience or carved ivory, would be sadly surprised to know that it is not hundreds of years old, but perhaps only a few weeks or days. As Mr. Osman Edwards says, in truthful rhyme,

> " There's silk-cut velvet, old brocade And everything that's joto, And ancient bronzes, newly-made For dealers in Kyoto."

the interior of a lacquer and bamboo store. more. pieces are packed away in boxes made for them and are not shown until you have examined the poorer goods. The clerks will not rush forward to wait on you. They speak civilly, and expect you to indicate what you want. Uusually they will offer you a cup of tea.

When you go into a shop and say goodday in English, or mispronounce the Japanese equivalent, the price of everything in the place jumps up twenty per cent, because it is inferred at once that you know little of The Japanese shopkeeper has a sliding scale of prices, for, in a way, he



THE COURIER OR POST-RUNNER.

understands human nature. He knows that if he charges one hundred dollars for a thing and allows the tourist to beat him down to fifty dollars, the tourist goes away with a better opinion of his own business ability than if the shopkeeper had made the price fifty dollars in the first place and adhered to in oil paper, to protect it from the dust or it. The professional guides, who bring cus-rain, tied it to one end of a pole, placing his

One stands a much better chance of getting tomers to the Japanese merchant, get from something good in the country shops than in ten to twenty per cent on his sales, and he those of the large cities. Our cut shows feels obliged to put up his price so much the Thus, even at this late day, it is On the walls and floor are displayed various sometimes possible to find good things in articles, but one must not think that these country stores, because the guide does not are all the store contains; for the best deem it worth his while to show tourists into small curio shops, but conducts them to the big stores, in Kyoto, for instance.

> The old man on the left, in the accompanying picture, is reading off a list of figures, and a small boy next to him is adding them up on a soroban, or calculating machine. The Japanese will add, subtract, multiply, and divide almost as fast as you can give them the figures on this ingenious little contrivance. The other boy is sitting before a writing-box. These boys are under sixteen, as may be seen by the pleat over the shoulders in their kimonos. Entering business as apprentices, they are often adopted by merchants whose names they assume and to whose property they become legitimate heirs.

THE POST-RUNNER.

It should not be inferred that at the present time Japan depends upon such primitive methods of carrying her mails as the accompanying picture shows. In the mountainous regions and in some of the northern islands these runners are still to be seen. But in other places, along the beaten tracks of travel, the railroad has superseded them, and the Japanese postal system is like our own; in fact, is modeled upon ours.

The courier presented in the cut is of the old type, as may be determined by the dressing of his hair. Thirty years ago, between the capital and all the large cities in the empire relays of couriers were stationed every twelve miles. At dawn the courier. stripped and ready for his long run, stood, we will say, at the gate of a castle. A message enclosed in a lacquer-box about the size of a glove-box and bearing the crest of the sender, was brought to him. stamped a numbered receipt for it and gave it to the servant, then wrapped the package



CLAM-DIGGING IN YOKOHAMA.

mile run.

If the roads were good he would make the journey in perhaps an hour and a half. As he neared the village where he was to be relieved, another runner stood waiting. The latter gave his receipt to the station-master for the package, and jogged off toward his destination. In this way the package, on an average, would travel about one hundred miles a day. If it contained something important or valuable, it was locked up in a post-station and guarded during the night. Most of these men were elaborately tattooed, as are the jinrikisha men and wrestlers of today.

CLAM-DIGGING IN YOKOHAMA.

Raw, cooked, and smoked fish, served in Kambei, a dealer in lumber. scores of ways, forms one of the chief articles of Japanese food. The seas that surround Japan and its many rivers and lakes

folded kimono at the other end to balance it here was taken from the so-called Bund on his shoulder - and was off on his twelve- (the street fronting on the picturesque harbor) in Yokohama and shows the lower classes taking advantage of an exceptionally low tide to dig clams, which the tide constantly brings inshore. Some of the diggers are climbing the sea-wall, with their baskets full of clams, either to be peddled about the streets or taken to their own homes.

All the land on which the foreign concession and a large part of the native town is built is made land — that is, it was once marsh and bog. In this connection, a very sad story, said to be true, is told of a useless human sacrifice offered up to the Shinto gods of the sea and land. Many persons tried to convert the marsh into cultivable land - rice fields - but all failed, till there appeared on the scene a man named Yoshida

He planned a strong dyke, 21,300 feet in circumference, to enclose this noisome swamp, which he meant to fill with earth all abound in fish. The photograph given brought from the neighboring hills. Seven



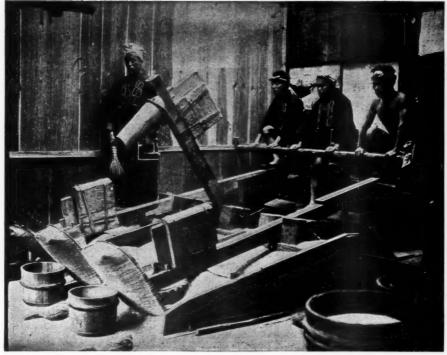
THE BASKET-SELLER.

different times he failed, but he was not baby from the arms of her dying mother, to superstition, they finally decided that the prise of her master's? in an air-tight box or caisson - to be sunk the earth obedient." deep in the marsh, with a post erected over That, of course, was pretence on his part.

at the consultation, came forward and offered death. The original port was called Kanaherself as a willing sacrifice. She was eigh- gawa - Yokohama being founded many years teen years old and had been in his family all later. By the way, last Fourth of July the

discouraged. Before making his eighth and be brought up as his servant. Her name last attempt, he called together his friends was O San. She said that as he had saved and employees and held a long consultation her life it was his to use. How could she on the matter. Actuated in everything by better dedicate it than to this great enter-Kambei himself haughty spirits of the land and sea were reflected that if this last attempt failed he wroth at the bold experiments of Kambei, would be ruined, and he was desperate. So and that, to appease them, it would be O San gave up her life - the human foundanecessary to lay a hitobashira or human foun- tion was laid - and from that time, says a dation - that is, a human being placed alive Japanese chronicler, "the sea was gentle and

The work of filling in this swampy area it. Kambei avowed that he would be willing was completed in 1657. A shrine was to offer himself for this purpose, if he were erected in honor of O San by Kambei, that sure that some one competent to carry on her memory might be perpetuated in the the work after he was gone could be found. minds of future generations; and festivals are still given every year, in the month of At last a servant of his, who was present September, to commemorate her tragic her life. He had taken her when she was a Japanese unveiled a fine monument - devised



RICE-POUNDING.

was the first stepping-stone to their present in the stone or wood mortar. civilization.

RICE-POUNDING.

There are now many steam rice mills throughout Japan, and some of the milling is done on boats in the rivers. But there is hardly a street that does not have a little rice store, in the rear of which one or more men are pounding rice from morning till night.

Instead of seeing in the moon what we liken to a man, the Japanese think they descry in that fickle luminary two rabbits

and sculptured by native artists - to Com- fits snugly in the mortar. On the other end modore Perry, in recognition of his notable the operator places his foot, and by throwservices in securing a treaty between them ing the entire weight of his body on it, the and the United States in 1854 - which stone is raised several feet and when it threw open their ports to foreign trade and falls the block crushes and grinds the rice

> In summer, and even during the cold season, the coolies who work this crude device wear little or nothing - usually only a loin cloth of white cotton. Three of the men in the illustration have on short workingmen's kimonos - always blue - with the name of the rice store's owner stamped on the lapels in white. They get from ten to twenty cents a day. Like our own millers, they are covered with white powder when at work.

THE BASKET-SELLER.

Japan is a great country for all kinds of pounding rice. The old mill, which is still peddlers. Almost everything, from live used in many parts of the country, has a goldfish and cut flowers to modern American long beam working on a pivot in the center, lamps and cheap watches from Connecticut. a heavy stone fastened on the top at one is hawked through the streets and country end and just beneath it a round block which lanes. The basket-sellers are seen every-



THE MUSICAL MENDICANT.

where -- their two stands piled high with Her under kimono, usually of a bright red, baskets, brooms, bamboo sieves and dust- hangs down to protect her limbs. Her pans. These two stands are fastened to the coarse, black hair is shielded from the dust ends of a pole about six feet long, and are by a white cloth, and on her back is tied a balanced in the center on the left shoulder. paper umbrella, in case of rain The venders go on a kind of dog-trot, so of almost every Japanese house usually that the elasticity of the pole takes the leaves with his gatekeeper or servant a little weight, or some of it, off their shoulders.

miles a day, stopping at numerous houses than itinerant musicians in other countries, and continually crying their wares. Their but are generally regarded as nuisances. daily profits amount, in our money, to from ten to twenty cents.

THE MUSICAL MENDICANT.

No hour is too early or too late for these fearless strollers, nor is any thin-walled Japanese house secure from their strident noises. Everywhere they are to be heard, singly or in pairs or trios, singing and strumabout it, at least to an American ear. Cold cover.



THE RLIND SHAMPOOER.

money to protect his quiet against their pro-They will cover from fifteen to twenty longed intrusion. They are no more vicious

THE SHAMPOOER.

Japan is the only country in the world's history that has given blind men and women a profession by themselves. They are not confined to cities only, but wander through the whole empire, and there are literally tens of thousands of them.

In olden times, the shampooers were much ming their samisens. There is little music more of a feature of every-day life than they are today. In many towns and rural sections or heat, rain or shine, does not drive them to they were the only doctors, as at one period were the barbers in Europe. They were The surest way to get rid of them is to wonderfully quick to locate and diagnose give them a few rins; but even then they disease simply by their highly-trained sense move only on to the next house. The woman of touch. Today nearly all the shampooers in our illustration has her kimono tucked up and masseurs, or ammas, as they are called, under her obi or sash — the better to walk, are leagued together for mutual protection

in a sort of labor guild, and so divide up their the main strain. Massage, or at least im-

the man with his vehicle can pass.

cotton kimono and have my servant call in the blind men. one of these blind men. It is remarkable and where walking or riding seems to bring touching my flesh.

territory as to enable all to earn a livelihood. provements in it, are ascribed to the Swedes; There are really two classes of these blind but long before the Swedes ever had a com-The better class own houses and their monwealth, massage was practised among patients go to them for treatment. They the Japanese, and some of their kneading have office hours for consultation, like our movements of the flesh are still generally Western physicians. Those belonging to a unknown to our operators. They have also less lucky or inferior order, walk through the different kinds of treatment which we do not streets, blowing on bamboo whistles, or follow. One is sticking silver needles in the shrilly crying, "Amma, amma," and feeling flesh (without drawing blood, as they avoid their way forward with a long stick. The veins and arteries) to get up a counter-irritatrue courtesy of the Japanese is shown in tion, say for rheumatism. Another is burning no better way than in their kind treatment the flesh with a certain chemical mixture, of these poor unfortunates. I have often known as moxa. Lumps of sticky dough seen rich men and men of high station stop made of this substance are placed on the on a crowded street and help an amma over backs or legs of sufferers from lumbago, a bad place in the road or guide him into paralysis or other ills. These cones, touched some house he was looking for. The jinri- with a lighted match, burn and hiss and give kisha man will always turn out, or, if the intense agony to those who undergo the road be too narrow, will lead the sightless treatment. It leaves scars, which are often wayfarer to the side - there to stand till seen on the bare backs and legs of coolies. Not alone is this terrific searing given by Often after a long horseback ride in the the blind masseurs, but by Minë priests country I have returned home tired and stiff. among whom it originated and to whom alone On these occasions it became my invariable is the secret of the composition of this moxa rule first to take a bath, then don a thin dough now known. The priests sell it to

These masseurs will work over you for the way they can banish or relieve an ache hours for paltry pay - a few cents. As or pain, and take the stiffness out of the before stated, I have often tried them and joints and muscles in a short time. Not never once did one fail to designate me as a less than scientific is the fact that a man foreigner — not always alone by feeling my who feels lame and stiff will get relief by hair, which of course, is finer in texture being rubbed in the shoulder and neck than that of the Japanese, and which would muscles, where his greatest strength lies have afforded him a clue, but merely by



THE BROWNINGS IN FLORENCE.

BY LILLIAN V. LAMBERT.

ence, a city that has played an active part a darkened room, brightened however by the in the history of the world for over three presence of many books, and the occasional thousand years; a city rich in palaces and entrance of a few friends. But the fertile cathedrals, in libraries and museums, and in brain and the glowing imagination were busy, works of art of world-wide renown; a city and many poems of rich beauty came forth which has been the home of noted statesmen, artists, and poets, and which, by its wealth of architecture and painting, has ever attracted to itself the lovers of the beautiful. Here lived and worked the artists Giotto, Da Vinci, Andrea del Sarto, Raphael, and Michaelangelo, the poets Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio: here was the beautiful home of the rich and powerful Medici; and here lived and toiled and died the great patriot priest, Savonarola.

To this city with all its historic memories, came in 1846 a pale, slender woman "with large, tender eyes richly fringed with dark eyelashes, and a mass of dark curls falling on each side of a most expressive face." With her was a man of strong, powerful physique, gray eyes, and light brown hair. These people came from England, where for years this frail woman had lived a secluded life with her devoted parents, and a large family of brothers and sisters. Mr. Barrett, with the clear, discerning eyes of love, soon perceived that his daughter Elizabeth, while yet but a child, showed an unusual ability for expressing her thoughts in rhyme. Everything that devotion and money could suggest was done to encourage the little poet, who, at the age of eleven, ambitiously wrote an epic on the "Battle of Marathon." The proud father had fifty copies of this youthful production printed and distributed among friends.

The advancing years brought to the father a firmer conviction that this daughter was

N either side of the Arno, nestling destined to be immortal, but as she apamong the hills, with spurs of the proached womanhood, the shadow of ill health Apennines to the north, and lower surrounding her deepened until at length she mountains to the south, lies Flor- was forced to be satisfied with her couch in from this quiet room.

> Among the few friends privileged to visit the invalid was Mr. Kenyon, a man of ample means and literary taste, who spent his time in "entertaining and being entertained by the makers of pictures and poems." He was distantly related to Miss Barrett, and so had frequent access to her home. He was accustomed to take to her all the best new books, and to introduce her, so far as her health would permit, to their authors. Among the few thus invited to meet her was a poet of rare genius, Robert Browning, a man whose tender heart and genial personality endears him to us even more than his immortal poems. He was in every way the opposite of this flower-like woman. So full of health and vigor was he that his handshake was said to be like an electric shock. This large-souled man joyously expressed his religion in the words of Pippa:

> > " God's in His heaven All's right with the world."

In the lives of these two people we have repeated the old, old story. O, the wondrous magic of love! especially such a love as Robert Browning could give. It came to her in her thirty-eighth year, and took from her the gloom of ill health to give to her instead the strength of life and happy love. Who can express its subtle influence more wonderfully than she herself has done:

" I saw in gradual vision through my tears, The sweet, sad years, the melancholy years, Those of my own life, who by turn had flung

A shadow 'cross me. Straightway I was 'ware So weeping, how a mystic shape did move Behind me, and drew me backward by the hair, And a voice said in mastery, while I strove, Guess now who holds thee? Death! I said. But

The silver answer rang, Not Death, but Love." - Sonnets from the Portuguese.

To Robert Browning love was life, it was the ethereal essence of all that is beautiful and good, it was God. He has given to it a moral significance, a power above all others to lift man upon a plain compatible with his own worth. Thus he speaks:

"There is no good in life but love - but love! What else looks good is some shade flung from love, Love gilds it, gives it worth." .

- In a Balcony.

And so were joined the poet minds and poet hearts - worth wed to worth. When we consider how sorrow and disappointment, clothed in their dark habiliments of gloom, have sat at the fireside of so many English writers, throwing their chill over all about them, we turn with gladness to this ideal union. The correspondence between these two poet-lovers, recently published, seems to me far too sacred ever to have been given to the curious eyes of the world. There is in the life of each, even the poorest and most humble, a holy of holies within which none should dare to tread. So we will turn from this most delightful part of their life, saying only that on account of the violent opposition offered by the bride's father, they were married quietly at St. Pancras church, on the 12th of September, 1846, and left almost immediately after for Italy, by way of Paris. When William Wordsworth heard the news he remarked: "So Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett have gone off together! Well, I hope they may understand each other - nobody else could." Mrs. Jameson and her niece chanced to meet them in Paris, and accompanied them to Italy. From Paris, Mrs. Jameson humorously wrote that she had with her a poet and a poetess - two

"but God help them! for I know not how two poet heads and poet hearts will get along in this prosaic world."

We are glad to know that these two poet heads and hearts did get along most admirably, and that genius is not an incompatible foe to common sense, but that they can coexist within the same mind.

From Paris they went to Pisa and after staying there a few months they finally settled at Florence in a romantic old palace known as Casa Guidi. With Mr. W. W. Story, the American sculptor, let us take a peep into their home. First we will enter the little dining-room covered with tapestry. where hang medallions of Tennyson, Carlyle, and Robert Browning; then we will pass into the long room, filled with plaster casts and studies, which is Robert Browning's retreat; and last of all we come to the drawing-room where she always sat. It opens upon a balcony filled with plants, and looks out upon the iron-gray church of Santa Felice. There is something about this room that seems to make it an especial haunt for poets. The dark shadows and subdued light give it a dreamy look, which is enhanced by the tapestry-covered walls and the old pictures of saints that look out sadly from the carved frames of black wood. Large bookcases, constructed from specimens of Florentine carving selected by Mr. Browning, are brimming over with wise-looking books, Dante's profile, a cast of Keats's face and brow taken after death, a pen-and-ink sketch of Tennyson, and the genial face of John Kenyon - all attract the eye in turn. A quaint mirror, easy chairs and sofas, and a hundred nothings that always add an indescribable charm, are all massed in this room. But the glory of it all, and that which sanctifies it all, is seated in a small armchair near the door. A small table, strewn with writing material, books, and newspapers is always near her.

Thus the woman in the "small armchair" celebrities who ran away and married under speaks of the city which they had chosen as circumstances peculiarly interesting and their home: "Florence is beautiful, as I such as rendered imprudence the height of have said before and must say again and prudence. "Both excellent," she added, again, most beautiful. The river rushes

through the midst of its palaces like a crystic scenery. Oh such mountains! as if the tal arrow, and it is hard to tell when you see whole world were alive with mountains,or out of the water, are the real walls, and windows, and bridges, and people, and churches. The only difference is that, down below, there is a double movement; the movement of the stream besides the movement of life. For the rest the distinctness of the eye is as great in one as in the other.

"In the meanwhile I have seen the Venus, I have seen the divine Raphaels, I have stood by Michael Angelo's tomb in Santa Croce. I have looked at the wonderful Duomo. This cathedral! . . The mountainous marble masses overcome us as we look up -- we feel the weight of them on the soul. Tessellated marbles (the green threading its elaborate the general hue of the structure) climb against the sky, self-crowned with that prodigy of marble domes. . . . It seemed to carry its theology out with it; it signified more than a mere building."

Vallombrosa, of which the poetess also speaks, brings to our mind Milton's description of Satan in all the dignity of his huge greatness, standing on the shore of the infernal lake and calling to his companions in sin who lay unconscious upon the surface:

. . On the beach Of that inflamed sea he stood and called His legions, angel forms, who lay entranced Thick as autumnal leaves that strew the brooks In Vallombrosa, where th'Etrurian shades High overarched imbower."

To this same Vallombrosa, Mr. and Mrs. Browning went to pass their first summer in Italy; but after spending five delightful days in the monastery there, they were ignominiously expelled because "the lord abbot was given to sanctity, and had set his face against women." But these five days seem fully to have repaid this beauty-loving woman for their rather laborious trip there. with Nathaniel Hawthorne and his family.

all by the clear sunset, whether those such ravines, black in spite of flashing churches, and houses, and windows, and waters in them - such woods and rocks. bridges, and people walking, in the water We were four hours doing the five miles, so you can imagine what rough work it was. Whether I was most tired or charmed was a tug between body and soul. How we enjoyed the great, silent, ink-black woods, supernaturally silent with the ground black as ink; such chestnut and beech forests hanging from the mountains; such rocks and torrents, such chasms and ravines!"

> In telling of their disappointment at their short sojourn in this beautiful forest, she remarks rather humorously: "It is said that Milton took his description of Paradise from Vallombrosa, so driven out of Eden we were, literally."

The Brownings numbered among their pattern though the dim yellow, which seems friends many people of note - Lord Alfred Tennyson, William Wordsworth, William Makepeace Thackeray, the Trollopes, Lord Lytton, Thomas Carlyle, John Ruskin, Charles Kingsley, R. H. Horne, John Kenyon, Mrs. Jameson, Miss Mitford, Mrs. Gaskell, George Sand, Charles Lever, and many others. A correspondence was carried on with many of these during their residence in Florence. We are pleased to see occasionally the human side of a poet's character as shown us by Mrs. Browning's words in regard to Tennyson: "Mr. Tennyson has a little son (Sept. 2nd, 1852.) and wrote me three such happy notes on the occasion that I never liked him so well before. I do like men who are not ashamed to be happy beside a cradle."

In Florence they knew intimately the American sculptors Hiram Powers, W. W. Story, and Harriet Hosmer. Mrs. Browning speaks of Miss Hosmer as "a great pet of hers and Robert's." Then she tells with admiration of the young artist's simplicity of manners and her freedom of life in this city of art.

Here, too, they formed a strong friendship These are her words taken from letters to with Harriet Beecher Stowe, and with Marfriends: "From Peloga (to Vallombrosa) we garet Fuller Ossoli. Mrs. Browning speaks traveled five miles through the most roman- of Mrs. Stowe as being "very simple and

shining." Then she adds, "Her books are work of art! not so much to me, I confess, as the fact is Browning home a portion of her last even- wife. ing in Florence. The news of her death at sea was a great shock to Mrs. Browning's sensitive nature. Thus she speaks: ""Deep called unto deep,' indeed. Now she is where there is 'no more deep and no more sea;' and none of the restless in this world, nono of the shipwrecked in heart ever seemed to me to want peace more than she did. . . . High and pure aspirations she had - ves, and a tender woman's heart, and we honored the truth and courage in her, rare in woman or in man."

Among their acquaintances in Florence we must not forget the great English essayist, Walter Savage Landor, who for years resided in the old palace of the Medici, but who finally left his family when over eighty years old and came to the Brownings for sympathy and help. They generously befriended him, locating him in a cottage near, under the care of "Wilson," who for years had been Mrs. Browning's maid. Mr. Browning became his guardian, as they laughingly money furnished by his relatives in England.

gentle, with a sweet voice, undesirous of has done this, in this intensely dramatic

Here also were written his "Christmas that she above all women (yes, and men of Eve" and "Easter Day;" and his two her age) has moved the world - and for volumes of poems known as "Men and good." Margaret Fuller Ossoli spent at the Women." The latter is dedicated to his

> " Here they are, my fifty men and women, Naming me, the fifty poems finished! Take them, Love, the book and me together; Where the heart lies, let the brain lie also. * . *

This to you, yourself the moon of poets."

Here, too, were written poems which bear directly upon Florence and her past life,-"Old Pictures in Florence," "Fra Lippo Lippi," and "Andrea del Sarto."

Much as Robert and Elizabeth Browning loved Florence, they were never completely weaned from their native land. A strain of homesickness creeps into the former's "Home Thoughts from Abroad,"

" Oh, to be in England, Now that April's here, And whoever wakes in England Sees some morning, unaware, That the lowest bough and the brushwood sheaf Round the elm tree bole are in tiny leaf, While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough In England - now!"

After the third year of their residence in expressed it, and provided for him with Italy, those who visited Casa Guidi saw the mistress of the home - this woman with the marvelously bright eyes shining out from her The time spent in this sunny clime was not bower of dark curls, bore in her arms a tiny passed idly. The pens of both poets con- form with blue eyes, and a mass of yellow tinued to be busy. From here came the ringlets covering his fair baby head. A material for the "Ring and the Book," very sweet, attractive boy little Robert Browning's most ambitious work and by many Wiedeman Barrett Browning proved to be, considered his masterpiece. It has its origin who, very early in his child life was proud in an old Roman murder case, an account of of the fact that he was a Florentine. And which he found in a second-hand book-store in now something besides poetry and books Florence. The same story is told ten times, demanded the mother's attention, something on each occasion from the standpoint of him far more precious - a "living poem," as who narrates it. A critic has said that Longfellow expresses it, while all the rest Shakespeare's method is "to depict a soul in are dead. Never for one moment was this action, with all the pertinent play of circum- "living poem" neglected, but the mother stances," while Browning's is "to portray found time to write by far her longest work, the process of its mental and spiritual devel- "Aurora Leigh," and her patriotic poems, opment." As he himself has said, "little "Casa Guidi Windows," and "Poems before else is worth study." How admirably he Congress." With all the ardor of her poetic

their struggle for liberty. What Italian song. tion from such lines as these:

" Each man stands with his face in the light Of his own drawn sword. Ready to do what a hero can, Wall to sap, or river to ford, Cannon to front or foe to pursue -Still ready to do, and sworn to be true, As a man and a patriot can."

- Napoleon III. in Italy.

Neither did she forget those who gave their fathers and brothers and sons that Italy might be free. Through her, a heart-broken mother who had sacrificed both her sons upon her country's altar, asks the question which: is common to every loving mother's heart:

" But when Italy's free, for what end is it done If we have not a son?

When Venice and Rome keep their new jubilee, When your flag takes all heaven for its white, green, and red.

When you have your country from mountain to sea, When King Victor has Italy's crown on his head, (And I have my dead,)

What then? Do not mock me. Ah, ring your bells low.

And burn your lights faintly! My country is there, Above the stars pricked by the last peak of snow; My Italy's there, with my brave civic pair, To disfranchise despair."

.- Mother and Poet.

Mrs. Browning with her strong, heroic soul in that frail, flower-like body, gave expression to every feeling from encouragement and hope, to indignation and curses upon those who stood idly by to see lives sacrificed in vain, and women suffer as did this mother. We are glad to know that Italia, at length proudly free, recognized her great debt to this patriotic woman, and discharged it as best she could, in coin of the very highest value - purest gold of devotion and gratitude.

After fifteen years of happiness as wife and mother, and of loving labor for the struggling Italians whom she had adopted as her countrymen, the Angel of Death stood at the bedside of this sweet singer, and O, thou soul of my soul! I shall clasp thee again gently breathed upon her face. Lying in the arms of her devoted husband she whispered. "It is beautiful." Then the brown

soul she sympathized with the Italians in eyes closed to open in the realms of celestial She lies buried in the Protestant soldier could fail to feel a patriotic inspira- cemetery at Florence. The municipality of the city placed a white marble slab upon Casa Guidi, and thereon, inscribed in letters of gold, is an Italian inscription written by Tammaseo. Translated into English it reads: "Here wrote and died, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, who in her woman's heart united the wisdom of the sage and the eloquence of the poet; with her golden verse linking Italy to England."

> Critics have given to both Mr. and Mrs. Browning a high place in the world of literary art, but to Robert Browning, without doubt, the higher. Yet such was not his opinion. These are his words in regard to his wife: "I am only a painstaking fellow. Can't you imagine a clever sort of an angel who plots and plans, and tries to build up something - he wants to make you see it as he sees it - shows you one point of view, then carries you off to another, hammering into your head the thing he wants you to understand; and while this bother is going on, God Almighty turns you off a little star -that's the difference between us. true creative power is hers, not mine." (Mrs. Orr's "Life of Robert Browning.")

After his wife's death, Robert Browning and his little son returned to London, and Florence could no longer claim them as her own. Though he made an effort always to be cheerful for his son's sake, he never ceased to mourn for his beautiful, sweettempered wife. What was death to him now that she was on the other shore!

" Fear death? .

No, let me taste the whole of it, fare like my peers The heroes of old,

Bear the brunt, in a minute pay glad life's arrears Of pain, darkness, and cold.

For sudden the worst turns the best to the brave. The black minute's at end.

And the element's rage, the fiend voices that rave, Shall dwindle, shall blend,

Shall change, shall become first a peace out of pain, Then a light, then thy breast,

And with God be the rest."

On Thursday, the 12th of December, 1889,

the poet pair were reunited. It is a great thing to write a beautiful poem; it is a much greater thing to live a beautiful life. Of each of them might we say what Wordsworth said of Milton:

"Thy soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart, Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea, Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free. So didst thou travel on life's common way. In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart The lowliest duties on herself did lay."



IN OLD BALLAD DAYS.

GRACE ADELE PIERCE.

Inscribed to All the Lovers of Nature.

ACH form of literature has its own beauty and its own use. The ballad is a distinct form, and, as such, should be understood. It is the lyric of Nature, or better, the lyric of that heart seology often veiling, for the casual reader, the intrinsic worth and beauty of the verse.

Not long since, at a public reading, the pained to find the audience, composed largely of men and women who read, stolidly unapwithout understanding of that branch of tragedy. versification known, by form, as the ballad. The musical repetition in the refrain, of which Helen Hunt Jackson says:

> " Of all the songs which poets sing, The ones which are most sweet. Are those which at close intervals A low refrain repeat;

Some tender word, some syllable, Over and over, ever and ever, While the song lasts Altering never."

-was made the subject of derision; and which, companioning with Nature, reflects the grace and picturesque beauty of the her secret meanings to the world. There is whole production was lost. Why? Because no form more generally neglected nor more the close relation of the moods of Nature to commonly misunderstood; the homely phra- the phases of human experience had been misunderstood; and the great Mother is not kind to those who will not understand.

The ballad is that of "The Cruel Sister," arranger of the program was surprised and taken from Sir Walter Scott's "Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border." It was transcribed from the story of an old woman, who remembered preciative of the delicacies of expression in it from her youth, and the spirit is the the beautiful ballad of "Binnorie." The spirit, sunshine, and shadow of the bonny comments proved the listeners to be totally milldams of Binnorie - love, unrest, and

> There were two sisters sat in a bour; Binnorie, O Binnorie; There came a knight to be their wooer; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

We hear the water plashing in its silvery thud, thud, thud; and see the faces of the sisters smiling at the casement as he comes. But:

> He courted the eldest with glove and ring, Binnorie, O Binnorie; But he lo'ed the youngest abune a' thing; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

A shadow creeps across the casement and the waters whisper of coming storm.

The eldest she was vexéd sair,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
And sore envied her sister fair;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

The shadows deepen and the waters moan.

The eldest said to the youngest ane,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
"Will ye go and see our father's ships come in?"—
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

She's ta'en her by the lily hand, Binnorie, O Binnorie;

And led her down to the river strand; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

The youngest stude upon a stane,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
The eldest came and push'd her in;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

And now the music of the waters is one long moan across the strand.

The miller hasted and drew his dam, Binnorie, O Binnorie; And there he found a drowned woman; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

You could not see her yellow hair,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
For gowd and pearls that were so rare;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie

You could not see her middle sma',
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
Her gowden girdle was sae bra';

By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

A famous harper passing by,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
The sweet releface he shenced to say

The sweet pale face he chanced to spy;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

And when he look'd that lady on,

Binnorie; O Binnorie; He sigh'd and made a heavy moan; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

He made a harp of her breast-bone,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
Whose sound would melt a heart of stone;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

The strings he framed of her yellow hair, Binnorie, O Binnorie; Whose notes made sad the listening ear; By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

He brought it to her father's hall,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
And there was the court assembled all;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

He laid his harp upon a stone,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
And straight it began to play alone;
By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

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But the last tune that the harp play'd then,
Binnorie, O Binnorie;
Was — "Woe to my sister, false Helen!"—

By the bonny milldams of Binnorie.

Whatever the origin of the ballad form—and with its history we are not here especially concerned—it was the outgrowth of a free and untrammeled life. Always around and about it is the music and sounding of waters, the whisper of leaves, the mysterious silences of shadowy forests. Moonlight escapades and hand-to-hand encounters, greenwood trysts, and long day revelries—these are the spirit of the old ballad days as they waxed and waned in the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries. What an indescribable charm in the rhythmic beat of the lines:

In summer when the shawes be sheen,
And leaves be large and long,
It is full merry in fair forest
To hear the fowles song.
To see the deer draw to the dale,
And leave the hilles hee,
And shadow them in the leaves green,
Under the greenwood tree.

And again, would you have your heart beat fast, your blood tingle, your breath come quick and short! Then:

Come listen to me, you gallants so free, All you that love mirth for to hear, And I will tell you of a bold outlaw, That lived in Nottinghamshire.

As Robin Hood in the forest stood,
All under the greenwood tree,
There he was aware of a brave young man,
As fine as fine might be.

The youngster was clad in scarlet red,
In scarlet fine and gay;
And he did frisk it over the plain
And chanted a roundelay.

This is the meeting of Robin Hood and

about us, do we companion with Robin Hood chronicles of the old ballad days. and his merry men.

There are twelve months in all the year, As I hear many say, But the merriest month in all the year Is the merry month of May.

Instinctively the human heart goes longing out after the ideal - the month of May, a Percy. cloudless sky, an untrammeled life. Once within the mystic circle, how the world is changed! How the sun seems always to shine, how cool and deep the shadows are, and, if it chance to be morning, how the dew glistens and the birds sing! Yet who can give us surety that it never rained in those old ballad days? Sharp storms and many of them, and many a ride to greenwood haunt, drenched by the pelting rain, had our bold Robin Hood, no doubt; and many a rough experience at the hand of man and the hand of nature. But he met them bravely every one, and the sunshine came as he took it. To the lover of nature, Robin Hood is a hero. Hush! as we read, we hear the sounding of horns and the twanging of bows, and the deep-mouthed music of hounds in the forest. All through the day, frolic and song and the merry bouts of the archers, and at evening - what expeditions planned, what twilight meetings, what tales of adventure! Oh, healthful, breezy, out-of-door life! The breath of the ballad is the breath of the woods and the fields and the limitless scope of the heavens. Fresh air and deep breathing, and the health of England and of Scotland - fresh, bracing airs, building, in times of peace, the sinew for time of war.

And many a tale of conflict do we have in

Allan-a-Dale. And to what lover of ballad these old chronicles; for men were brave lore is Robin Hood a stranger? Or Little and men were strong in the old ballad days. John or Friar Tuck or Maid Marian? Often And women were fair, and love was love, in Sherwood Forest and the fields of Notting- and life was life, and death might come ham does the reader of the old ballad wan- when it would! "Chevy Chase," and the der - through the deep coolness of the ballads of Arthur, the King, and all the woods, through breezy fields, with twanging songs of the border minstrels! All day long of bow and whizzing of arrow, among green the clash and clang of battle, the thud of lanes and hidden silences. In odorous and iron, the clash of steel, the trample of horses mossy solitudes, with ripple of waters and in combat! Never have the tales of warfare music of winds and the rustle of leaves been more vividly portrayed than in the

Here are a few stanzas of that famous "Chevy Chase," of which Addison so enthusiastically wrote in his Spectator, and over which the martial blood of Sidney thrilled. This version is the original one as it appears in the "Reliques" of Bishop

The Percy out of Northumberland, And a vow to God made he, That he would hunt in the mountains At Cheviot within days three, In maugre 1 of doughty Douglas, And all that ever with him be.

The fattest harts in all Cheviot, He said he would kill and carry them away: " By my faith," said the doughty Douglas again, "I will let " that hunting if that I may."

Then the Percy of Bamborough cam, With him a mighty meany; a With fifteen hundred archers bold of blood and bone, They were chosen out of shires three.

Then began, on a Monday at morn, a hunting which the child unborn must rue.

The doughty Douglas on a steed He rode at his men beforne: His armour glitter'd as did a glede,4 A bolder baron was never born.

"Tell me what men ye are," he says, " Or whose men that ye be; Who gave you leave to hunt in this Cheviot Chase in spite of me?"

The first man that ever him an answer made, It was the good Lord Percy; "We will not tell thee what men we are," he says, " Nor whose men that we be; But we will hunt here in this chase

In spite of thine and thee.

" The fattest harts in all Cheviot We have kill'd, and cast to carry them away." ¹ In spite of. ⁹ Prevent. ³ Company. ⁴ A live coal. " By my troth," said the doughty Douglas again, "Therefore the one of us shall dee this day."

Then said the doughty Douglas Unto the Lord Percy; "To kill all these guiltless men, Alas! it were great pitie.

" But Percy, thou art a lord of land, I am an earl call'd within my country: Let all our men upon a parti stand, And do the battle of thee and of me."

" Now Christ's curse on his crown," said the Lord

" Whosoever thereto says nay, By my troth, doughty Douglas," he says,

" Thou shalt never see that day;"

Then comes the wage of war, and doughty as our men may be -

Word is come to Edinborough. To Jamie, the Scottish king, That doughty Douglas, lieutenant of the Marches, He lay slain Cheviot within.

His hands he did wail and wring, He said, " Alas! and woe is me! Such another captain Scotland within," He said, "I' faith shall never be."

Word is come to lovely London, Till to the Fourth Harry our king, That Lord Percy, lieutenant of the Marches, He lay slain Cheviot within.

"God have mercy on his soul!" said King Harry, " Good Lord, if Thy will it be! I have a hundred captains in England," he said, " As good as ever was he; But Percy, an I brook my life, Thy death well quit shall be."

This was the hunting of the Cheviot; That tear began this spurn; 5 Old men that knowen the ground well enough Call it the battle of Otterburn.

Technically, the origin of the ballad is lost -" Cinderella" and "The Sleeping Beauty" dance, the metre being that of the rhythmic the derivation of the name - "ballad." beat of the foot to the sound of the voice in singing.

In England and Scotland — and it is with these countries we are here concerned - the ballad reached the height of expression in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The wanderer, singing his songs from the immemorial ages, the blind crowder and the court minstrel, became the Homers of the time, recording great and glorious deeds. After the establishment of printing, these songs, gathered from the lips of fireside crones and of men burdened with years and memories, were reduced to form and scattered as literature among the people.

For the ballad, as we are acquainted with it, we are indebted to Allan Ramsay's "Evergreen" and "Tea Table Miscellany," and to Percy's "Reliques." An inestimable service, also, to the lovers of literature of all generations, was rendered by Sir Walter Scott in his characteristic preservation of the ballads of "Liddesdale" and "The Forest."

The rhythm of this form is commonly iambic, and consisted originally of lines of twelve or fourteen syllables, or, to be more accurate, of seven accents. In ordinary use the cæsural pause divides the long lines into two, one of four accents and the other of three - as in the "Ballad of Chevy Chase," modern version:

God prósper lóng our nóble kíng, our líves and sáfeties

A woeful hunting once there did in Chevy Chase befall.

Here is the ordinary arrangement, dividing the long lines at the cæsural pause:

> God prosper long our noble king, Our lives and safeties all! A woeful hunting once there did In Chévy Cháse befáll.

in obscurity. Like the old-time fairy tale It will be seen from this example that the metre of the ballad descended from the - the folk-song has no local habitation, but Latin form used in church hymns, called the is known and loved wherever human passion "septenary," and consisting of seven acis, and the experiences of life. The word is cents and fourteen syllables. French influfrom the Old French baller, and means to ence is also shown in the verse as well as in

One more example will suffice, and for this we will take the second stanza of that well Percy says the meaning of this line is: "That tear- known ballad, attributed by Dr. Chambers to Lady Wardlaw, "Sir Patrick Spens:"

ing or pulling occasioned this spurn or kick."

O úp and spáke an éldern kníght, Sat át the kíng's right knée,-" Sir Pátrick Spéns is the bést sailór That éver sailed the séa."

These lines are used to bring to notice the "Wreck of the Hesperus."

In modern English versification the influence of the old ballad metre is most strongly shown by Coleridge and Wordsworth. The refrain, as previously noted in "Binnorie," is a striking characteristic of this class of fully, aloud, the ballad of "The Cruel Sister," over the land. and note the change of tone-color in the the drama.

In study of the ballad, the writer of this article would commend the following reading: "Chevy Chase" (original and modern versions), "Sir Patrick Spens," and "The Battle of Otterbourne" for martial moveforced accents which are characteristic of ment and simple majesty of diction; "Fair ballad metre, and widely used in modern Helen of Kirkconnell" and "Burd Helen" imitation of the form. Note Longfellow's for the beautiful record of woman's love and constancy; the ballads of "Robin Hood and Allan-a-Dale," of "Robin Hood and the Widow's Sons," and others innumerable, for the breezy, joyous life of the fields and the streams and the forests.

There is an indescribable charm in the literature, and has been used with effect in fresh and joyous life these tales depict. such poems as Mrs. Browning's "Rhyme of There is health and strength in the air, with the Duchess May." Poe's "Raven," and its sound of laughter and twanging of bows others. This is a repetition of one or more - health for the brain and for the heart. words or lines with each stanza, constituting There is fresh impulse in the very thought of much of the tone-color and rhythmic beauty living, with the green boughs rustling above of the production. For instance, read care- us and the wealth and tenderness of summer

And now, with all the gladness of these waters of the bonny milldams of Binnorie rhythmic songs in our hearts, let us shout with the varying experiences of the actors in together - Long live, in memory, the old ballad days!

ON THE CONEWANGO.*

BY JAMES T. EDWARDS.

While countless shadows round us play, Upon this matchless autumn day, We float adown the opal stream As in some lovely, restful dream.

Bright-tinted leaves are drifting past, The summer flowers are fading fast, But goldenrod and gentians rare Adorn the banks still green and fair.

So clear the stream reflects the shore, We touch its image with our oar, And as we gaze, with wond'ring eyes, A phantom boat beneath us lies.

High, arching elms and cloudless sky, Gay flowers and birds seem floating by; The shifting colors blending meet In the fair world beneath our feet.

Dark crimson oaks, and birches white, Rich scarlet maples flecked with light, Tall golden aspens, all are seen, Mingled with pines and hemlocks green.

O "Winding River," fitting name! Fair, magic mirror, still the same As when, with grace, the Indian's boat Shot past the bends, round which we float.

^{*}The Conewango receives the waters of Chautauqua Lake through "the outlet."

THE MUSIC OF NATURE.

BY C. WILLIAM REEBE.

with its head in a series of spasmodic taps, and another ant, a Sumatran species, is very interesting as regards its sound-producing habit. Individuals of this species are sometimes spread over a surface of two square the tapping is set up at the same moment, continued exactly the same space of time, lapse of a few seconds, all recommence at the same time. The interval is always about the synchronously with every other ant, but only like those in the same group, so the indegroup alike in time, but the tapping of the of communication.

tions. This seems to be very often "tuned," as it were, to the sounds made by the particular species in which it is found. A cricket will at times be unaffected by any sound, however loud, near it, while at the slightest details instantly group themselves. "screek" or chirp of its own species, no in all excitement.

The songs of cicadas are noted all over the world. Darwin heard them while anchored

MONG insects, sounds are produced and a giant species in that country is said to in many ways and for various rea- produce a noise as loud as the whistle of a A species of ant which makes locomotive. The Greeks enjoyed their its nest on the under side of bamboo music, the Latins detested it. Only the leaves, produces a noise by striking the leaf males sing, the females are dumb, and this has given rise to the well-known Grecian couplet:

> "Happy the cicadas' lives, For they all have voiceless wives."

Any person who has entered a wood where yards, many out of sight of the others; yet myriads of the seventeen-year cicadas were hatching has never forgotten it. A threshing-machine, or a gigantic frog-pond is a and stopped at the same instant. After the fair comparison, and when a branch loaded with these insects is shaken, the sound rises to a shrill screech or scream. This noise is same duration, and each ant does not beat supposed - in fact is definitely known to attract the female insect, and though there may be some tender notes in it which we fail pendent tappings play a sort of tune, each to distinguish, yet let us hope that the absence of any highly-organized auditory whole mass beginning and ending exactly at organ may result in reducing the effect of a the same instant. This is doubtless a means steam-engine whistle to an agreeable whisper. It is thought that the vibrations are The organ of hearing in insects is still to felt rather than heard in the sense that we be discovered in many forms, but in beetles use the word "hear," and if one has ever it is situated along the sides of the abdomen, had a cicada "zizz" in one's hand, the elecin butterflies on the sides of the thorax, while trical shocks which seem to go up the arm the tip of the horns or antennæ of many help the belief in this idea. To many of us insects is considered to be the seat of this the song of the cicada — softened by disfunction. In all it is little more than a tance - will ever be agreeable on account of cavity over which a skin is stretched like a associations. When one attempts to picture drum-head, which thus reacts to the vibra- a hot August day in a hay-field or along a dusty road, the drowsy "z-ing" of this insect, growing louder and more accelerated and then as gradually dving away, is a focus for the mind's eye, around which the other

The apparatus for producing this sound is matter how faint, it will start its little tune one of the most complex in all the animal kingdom. In brief, it consists of two external doors, capable of being partly opened, and three internal membranes, to one of half a mile off the South American coast, which is attached a vibrating muscle, which,

put in motion, sets all the others vibrating not how far beyond the scale limits which in unison.

We attach a great deal of importance to tion of the highest class of music. applaud our Paderewski, and year after year are awed and delighted with wonderful operatic music, yet seldom is the limitation of human perception of musical sounds thought

reminiscences to others of us, is a large, green, fiddling grasshopper.

is the hum of insect wings, sometimes, as near a beehive, rising to a subdued roar. wing is familiar to us, and we must rememto it, as a means of recognition. Many beetles have a projecting horn on the under side of the body which they can snap against another projection, and by this means call their lady-loves, literally "playing the bones," as a minstrel.

Although we can readily distinguish the sounds which these insects produce, yet connect with the ends of the nerves. there are hundreds of small creatures, and even large ones, which are provided with organs of hearing, but whose language is too fine for our coarse perceptions. The vibrations - chirps, hums, and clicks - can be of the spectrum which our eyes cannot per- unfolded to our knowledge. ceive, so there are tones running we know

affect our ears. Some creatures utter noises so shrill, so sharp, that it pains our ears to the fact of being educated to the apprecia- listen to them, and these are probably on the We borderland of our sound-world.

Leaving the insects and coming to the higher animals, we can take only a glance at some of the more important. Throughout all the depths of the sea, silence, as well as absolute darkness, prevails. The sun If we wish to appreciate the limits within penetrates only a short distance below the which the human ear is capable of distin- surface, at most a few hundred feet, and all guishing sounds, we should sit down in a disturbance from storms ceases far above meadow, some hot midsummer day, and that depth. Where the pressure is a ton or listen to the subdued, running murmur of the more to the square inch, it is very evident myriads of insects. Many are very distinct that no sound vibration can exist. Near the to our ears and we have little trouble in surface it is otherwise. The majority of tracing them to their source. Such are fishes have no lungs and of course no vocal crickets and grasshoppers, which fiddle and chords, but certain species, such as the drumrasp their roughened hind legs against their fish, are able to distend certain sacs with gas wings. Some butterflies have the power of or air, or in other ways produce sounds and making a sharp crackling sound by means of "grunt." One variety succeeds in prohooks on the wings. The katydid, so annoy- ducing a variety of sounds by gritting the ing to some in its persistent ditty, so full of teeth, and when the male fish is attempting to charm the female by dashing around her, spreading his fins to display his brilliant Another sound which is typical of summer colors, this gritting of the teeth holds a prominent place in the performance, although whether the fair finny one makes her choice The higher, thinner song of the mosquito's because she prefers a high-toned grit instead of a lower can only be imagined! ber that the varying tone of the hum of each vibrations, whether of sound or only of water species may be of the greatest importance pressure, are easily carried near the surface, and fishes are provided with organs to receive and record them. One class of such organs has little in common with ears, as we speak of them; they are merely points on the head and body susceptible to the watery vibrations. These points are minute cavities. surrounded with tiny cilia or hairs, which

The ears of frogs and all higher animals are, like the tongue-bone and the lower jaw, derived originally from portions of gills, which the aquatic ancestors of living animals used to draw oxygen from the water. recorded on delicate instruments, but, just is one of the most wonderful and interesting as there are shades and colors at both ends changes which the study of evolution has

The disproportionate voices are produced

Chili a small species of frog, measuring only which attended it. about an inch in length, has two internal Water is very scarce where these frogs live develop in pools as is ordinarily the case. these capacious sacs, which serve as nurseries for them all through their hatching and growing period of life. Although there is no water in these chambers, yet their gills many ordinary tadpoles. When their legs are fully developed, they clamber up to their father's broad mouth and get their first glimpse of the great world from his lower lip. When fifteen partly developed polywogs are found in the pouches of one little frog, he looks as if he had gorged himself to bursting with tadpoles. To such curious uses may vocal organs be put.

of laying eggs, when they acquire a voice, which even in the largest is very tiny and than a two-hundred-pound tortoise. Some of the lizards utter shrill, insect-like squeaks.

A species of gecko, a small brilliantlycolored lizard, has the back of its tail armed with plates. These it has a habit of rubbing ingenious trapper. So in color, sound, motion, and many other ways, animals act and the death of the creature results.

by means of an extra amount of skin on the approach of good dinners, and in its offthroat which is distensible, and acts as a spring this action might be partly inherited, drum to increase the volume of sound. In and each generation would perpetuate it. certain bull-frogs which grow to be as large If it had been an intentional act, other as the head of a man, the bellowing power nearly related species of lizards would imitate is deafening and is audible for miles. In it, as soon as they perceived the success

That all animals have a kind of language vocal sacs which are put to a unique use. is nowadays admitted to be a truism, but this is more evident among mammals and and the polywogs have no chance to live and birds, and, reviewing the classes of the former, we find a more or less defined ascend-So when the eggs are laid, they are immeding complexity and increased number of ately taken by the male frog and placed in varying sounds as we pass from the lower forms, kangaroos, moles, etc., to the higher herb-and-flesh-eaters, and particularly mon-

Squeaks and grunts constitute the vocabugrow out and are reabsorbed, just as in lary, if we dignify it by that name, of the lower mammals. The sloths, those curious animals whose entire life is spent clinging to the under side of branches on whose leaves they feed, are unable to utter a sound. Even when being torn to pieces by some wild-cat, they offer no resistance, and emit no sound, but fold their claws around their body and submit to the inevitable.

Great fear of death will often cause an Turtles are voiceless except at the period animal to utter sounds which are different from those produced under any other conditions. When an elephant is angry or expiping, like some very small insect rather cited his trumpeting is terribly loud and shrill, but when a mother elephant is talking to her child, while the same sonorous, metallic quality is present, yet it is wonderfully softened and modulated. A horse is a good example of what the fear of death will do. The ordinary neigh of a horse is very familtogether, and by this means produces a shrill iar, but in battle when mortally wounded or chirruping sound, which actually attracts having lost its master and being terribly crickets and grasshoppers toward the noise frightened, a horse will scream, and those so that they become an easy prey to this who have heard it say it is more awful than the cries of pain of a human being.

Deer and elk often surprise one by the react upon each other, a useful and necessary peculiar sounds which they produce. An habit being perverted by an enemy, so that elk can bellow loudly, especially when fight-Yet it ing, but when members of a herd call to would never be claimed that the lizard each other, or when surprised by some unthought out this mimicking. It probably usual appearance, they whistle -- a sudden, found that certain actions resulted in the sharp whistle, like the tin mouthpieces with

evidence some time ago.

on a frosty night is another phase, this, too, this great seal-hunter.

The dog has made man his god - giving utterances of a human child. up his life for his master would be but part in his power to do more. So, too, the dog development. has attempted to adapt his speech to his master's, and the result is a bark. No wild coyotes or wolves bark, but when bands of dogs that have descended from domesticated are wonderfully varied. Nothing can be more awful and intimidating than the roar of a lion, or more demoniacal than the arguments which our house-pets carry on at night one side of the heavens is black with gathon garden fences.

subserve in their life on the great ocean or water is not only perfectly still, it seems their visits to shore, can only be imagined, leaden, as if it pressed with a heavier weight but surely such laudable perseverance, day than usual on its bed. Not a leaf stirs, all after day, to out-utter (it is the only word I the customary noises are still and at this dare use) each other, must be for some good. time more than at any other, in my experi-

possible. Some of the large baboons are moment, that when finished the song seems

revolving disks, which were so much in awful in their vocalizations. Terrible agony or remorse is all their moans suggest to us, The growl of a bear differs greatly under no matter what frame of mind induces them. varying circumstances. There is the play- Of all vertebrates the tiny marmosets reproful growl, uttered when two individuals are duce most exactly the chirps of crickets and wrestling, and the terrible "sound" - no like insects, and to watch one of these little word expresses it — to which a bear, cornered human faces, see its mouth open, and instead and driven to the last extremity, gives utter- of, as seems inevitable, words issuing forth, ance-fear, hate, dread, and awful pas- to hear these shrill squeaks, is most surprission mixed and expressed in sound. One can ing. Young ourang-outangs in their "talk" realize the fearful terror which this inspires as well as in actions are counterparts of only when one has stood up to a mad bear, human infants. The scream of frantic rage repelling charge after charge with only an when a banana is offered and then jerked iron pike between himself and those fangs and away, the wheedling tone when the animal claws. The long-drawn moan of a polar bear wishes to be comforted by the keeper, on account of pain or bruise, and the sound of expressive, but only of those wonderful arctic perfect contentment and happiness when scenes, where night and day are as one to petted by the keeper whom it learns to love well - all are indistinguishable from like

It is among birds that we find music, in all of his way of showing his love if he had it of its definitions, reaching its greatest Occasionally, among other groups of animals, sounds are produced which are very expressive, as the moan of the polar bear, but birds seem to be in perfect tune with their surroundings in nature, most in animals run wild, their howls are modulated sympathy with the moods which physical and a certain barking-quality imparted which phenomena cause to come and go. Where is unmistakable. The drawn out howl of a one or two examples of expressive sounds great gray wolf is an impressive sound, and are found in other classes, here they can be once heard is never forgotten. The sounds counted by scores. The few which will be which the cats, great and small, produce mentioned are familiar to many and the experiences of every lover of nature will add others.

On a spruce-encircled northern lake, when ering storm-clouds, there is always a lull -What use the sounds peculiar to sea-lions a quarter-hour of breathless waiting. The Volumes have been written concerning the ence, the song of the white-throated sparrow voices of the two remaining classes of ani- is sure to be heard. A half-dozen sad, sweet mals, - monkeys and birds. In the great notes, lowly audible in a descending cadence, family of the four-handed folk more varieties then another, farther away, and another and of sounds are produced than would be thought another. It is so sweet, so suited to the

birches far over, and howling through every laughter, seeming only some new phenomenon of the storm, and the great bird passes with a rush overhead, steadily through the gale, bird seeming a very spirit of the storm, and ing of woodpeckers on resonant tree-trunks. the little sparrow filling the interval before, are the dominant chords, the foci around notes of birds carry out the impression which which the memory naturally centers, in repicturing the scene.

To those of us who know the hermit- mauve - and their notes correspond. thrush, the wood-thrush, and vesper-sparrow the other hand there is the snake-bird or it is not necessary to bring to mind the cool-darter, a bird of the Florida swamps, of most ness of an early summer evening, its calm- fiendish temper, and most uncomfortable ness after the noise and heat of the day - a looking. A mechanism in its neck for allowblack - black !

the red-eyed vireo is the only bird voice. must be elaborate for this to be possible. The scream of gulls is generally associated

not to have broken the silence, and one There is no science in all this, and there are wonders if one had not imagined instead of many exceptions, as, for instance, who can heard it. Then in a few moments the an- see anything appropriate in the loud rattle tithesis comes, - driving, stinging rain, lash- of a kingfisher along a stream? But it is ing up the waves, bending the spruces and certainly the fact that birds are the most high-strung and sensitive of creatures, and leaf and needle. Suddenly, more loud than it is this, probably, which makes it seem any noise of the gale, sounds the loon's wild sometimes as if they fitted their songs intentionally to the particular mood which their environment reflects.

Instrumental music of a high order exists and dashes down into the water, soon to among birds, as the drumming of the ruffedreappear and shake another guffaw - a grouse, where the rolling, reverberating lunatic's mirth - from its long, dripping sound is caused by the bird's beating its wings beak. This is not a piece of imagination, rapidly against its sides as it stands on a log but actual, occurring again and again. The or stone. Another example is the hammer-There are not a few instances where the their general appearance gives. Doves how soft their colors, generally cream or time when a loud, energetic, or even a drowsy ing it to dart suddenly forward, gives the song would be out of place. This is the appearance of a large bone stuck in its time which these birds select to perch on throat; it has no head so far as differing in some favorite spot and sing their serene, size from its neck is concerned; it is a bird liquid melodies. Later in the evening the of angles and edges, and its voice is like a whippoorwill starts its weird, tri-syllabled slate-pencil dragged upright down a slate, notes, and how very soon this, like the reg- one's spine wriggles at the sound. Should ular beat of waves on the shore, ceases to a sweet song proceed from such a throat it annoy, and because of its very unbrokenness would be an anomaly indeed. Compensamerges into our slumber. The owl comes tion, as in everything else, comes in where latest of all and if ever a sound had color, it voice is concerned, and the rule is: fine is the solemn, long-drawn, somber "hoo- feathers, no song, and vice versa. The o-hoo-o-o!" of a barred-owl, - it is black - mocking-bird is one of the plainest of gray and white birds, and the nightingale is clad At midday in August when the air fairly in the simplest earthy colors, and yet when palpitates with the heat, nearly all bird- the silver notes and trills begin to bubble voices are hushed. But there are two pro- forth, now soft, now clear and piercing, nounced exceptions. In the cooler depths all lack of brilliant plumage is forgotten. of the woods the plaintive, drowsy cry of The power of mocking and imitating strange the wood-pewee breaks the silence, and along sounds is developed to a wonderful degree the roads and orchards the sleepy drawl of in some birds, and the delicate vocal chords

The note of the bluebird with all its assowith dashing waves and the howl of winds. ciations of spring is a fine example of color.

this fairy song. The common house-spar- village. row, who could not utter a sweet note if he his little song, repeated over and over again, dance as long as the song continues.

Every bird's song has a definite object, and although more often used to call to each perhaps years before Columbus discovered other in emulation or to win favor with a America, brought to earth by a power which female bird, yet the voice in these creatures it had resisted for so many years. And if subserves scores of other uses.

der, for it has a horn, or something better, such a patriarch. in its own body. The trachea, or windpipe, instead of going direct to the lungs, makes between organic and inorganic forces. And an elaborate double twist, in the interior of may the hints of the few bars of the great the breast-bone, which is hollowed out for world symphony which have been sounded, that purpose, and thus the sonorous quality lead us to seek out deeper harmonies more is imparted to the voice. In the South in tune with the eternal than are the jangle American forests are weird sounds and music, and noise of our cities.

effect. Burroughs, I think, has called it the and many are from the throats of strange "violet of sound," and the simile is perfect. birds. Not the least remarkable is the note Even the humming-bird has a song, prin- of the bell-bird, clear and melodious as a cipally heard at nesting time, and as tiny in chapel-bell, which is said to be audible for volume as the size of its producer. A a distance of three miles, and has led many melody, one of the notes of which might be travelers a weary chase, they mistaking it likened to an insect's chirp, gives an idea of for the sound of a real bell in some

If any one wishes a new field for investigatried, when he is evidently bursting with tion, material for thought or word, let him happiness, sits and wrestles with a few con- spend a day in some deep forest, and record nected chirps, which come out as easily as and analyze the sounds which come to him, if they were so many bones dislodging one by and he will soon realize how meagre is our one from his throat. One of the ways in knowledge of the natural world around us. which birds demonstrate their appreciation One of the most solemn things is to be of music is shown by the Fandango Manakin listening and have all else still, when a great of South America. One individual will take tree falls far away - a dull crash, echoing up a position and put his whole energy into and reechoing through the woods, soon dving out. Of course I do not refer to one felled while his companions jig up and down and by human instruments. It is hard to put into words what one feels at this last deathsound of a giant of the forest, which sprouted this is impressive, what must be the resound-The quality of the voice in certain species ing roar of one of the giants of California! The trumpeter-swan is not, For some of these were many feet in unlike many others, undeserving of its name, girth when Cæsar crossed the Rubicon. We as it really trumpets, the tone being as clear should surely not be ashamed to feel a sentias that from a French horn, and little won- ment of sadness to hear the death-knell of

And thus we find ourselves half-way



THE BIRDS OF THE BIBLE.

BY M. R. SILSBY.

"The sparrows chirped as if they still were proud, Their race in Holy Writ should mentioned be,"

RITES Longfellow, in his "Birds of Killingworth"; and this is an honor shared by only twenty-five other birds of the more than five thousand known species. As with Homer and the early classic writers, more frequent mention is made of the large birds like the eagle, owl, and raven.

the bittern, cormorant, crane, cuckoo, dove, from avis, a bird. eagle, hawk, heron, kite, ostrich, owl, par- have clustered about the raven; his croaking tridge, peacock, pelican, pigeon (usually was looked upon as ominous, and "the called dove), quail, raven, sparrow, stork, boding raven" was listened to. Shakespeare swallow, swan, turtle-dove, and vulture (in-ventures to transfer to the raven one of the cluding glede, ossifrage, and other species). attributes of the robin, when he says that

just as the poet draws upon them to adorn called forth respect for them. his verses. The eagle, which is mentioned more than thirty times, is used as a symbol for strength and swiftness.

"The way of an eagle in the air is too wonderful for me," says Solomon; and such expressions as "as swift as the eagle flieth" and "swifter than the eagles of the heaven" are frequent. These two pictures show an intimate acquaintance with the bird and its habits. Illustrating God's mercy and care: " as an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him"; and the following verses from Job: "Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off."

Eagles of several kinds are referred to: "Make thee bald; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle," refers to a species which is used as a commonplace comparison.

The raven is named eleven times and has been especially honored, having been selected

by Heaven to feed the prophet Elijah when he fled from the rage of Ahab; and the Psalmist speaks of God's providence in giving food "to the young ravens which cry;" and Solomon's picture of "locks as black as a raven" has become a proverbial descrip-

Ravens were sacred to Apollo, the great patron of augurs in Greece and Italy, and were considered the most prophetic of These are the birds referred to in the Bible: inspired birds. The augurs were so called Many superstitions Symbols are borrowed from the birds by "ravens foster forlorn children"; but the the writers of the Old and New Testaments, beautiful account of their care for Elijah has

> Observation of the flight or the voice of birds was used for discovering the purposes of the gods, in the childhood of the world. The eagle and vulture were thought the most important of these messengers of the gods when flight was observed; and the raven and owl were those whose voices told the will of the gods. These were the oldest and most valued modes of augury.

> The Biblical allusions to birds are ornithologically accurate; even in the slightest descriptive touches is shown how close was the observation of natural objects. account of the ostrich instances this fidelity to nature

- "Gavest thou wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
- " Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,
- " And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.
- " She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers.
- " Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
- "What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider."

Again it is referred to in this passage:

"become cruel, like the ostriches in the wil- and her choice of a nesting-place is noted: derness."

desolation. Isaiah when prophesying the ruin which should befall Babylon, says, "I will make it a possession for the bittern," and Zephaniah, foretelling the doom of Nineveh, declares that "Both the cormorant and bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows."

The dove, which is mentioned thirty times, is used as an emblem of innocence and gentleness. She was chosen to send forth from the ark, and the olive leaf was most appropriate for her to bear. "As harmless as doves," and "the spirit of God descended like a dove," and "lead her as with the voice of doves," are among the many gentle references: and the Psalmist exclaims, "Oh that I had wings like a dove, for then I would fly away, and be at rest."

The stork is honored with frequent notice,

"As for the stork, the fir-trees are her The bittern is employed as a symbol of house." The swallow "observes the time of her coming"; and her voice is described "like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter."

> The sparrow, her dwelling, "alone upon the house-top," may well feel proud for the watchful care and tenderness accorded her.

> The owl is noted sixteen times; and there are several species: the great and the little owl, the desert, and the screech owl.

> The word 'bird' is mentioned more than forty times: "A bird of the air shall carry the voice."

> There are several passages which may aptly be quoted in support of the work of the societies for bird protection. By the Mosaic law it was forbidden to kill a bird sitting upon eggs or young; and the Psalmist rejoices that "Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler," showing his pleasure at its deliverance.

TO A SEEKER AFTER KNOWLEDGE.

BY GEORGE NEWELL LOVEJOY.

Seek knowledge in the earth and sky, The grass and flowers, the rocks and trees, The sod and dust, the dewdrop, aye, The mold, and all the mysteries Hid in decay. Seek knowledge in Those twinship orbs of light - the sun And moon - and their unnumbered kin, The silent, throbbing stars, each one world we long to fathom! Oh, Seek knowledge everywhere, in all That is, and, yet, be wise, and know The larger wealth, by far, that shall Be thine is found, - if thou shalt seek, In the sweet, simple faith in One Whose rare existence, lo! doth speak In each and all things, who is none, None else than very Wisdom, - who Alone is Goodness, Love, and Truth, Knowledge in whom is Peace unto Him seeking, and Immortal Youth!

THE CASE OF LYULPH HARCOURT BERESFORD.

BY WILLIAM MACLEOD RAINE.

(Letter from Mrs. James Messiter of South Willapa, Washington, to a friend in the East.)

ID the postmark of this letter arouse easier?

longer write letters. When I became of the West the habit renounced me. It is a sad I'm liable to turn up — as you see.

Boston-"a place where respectability credit to Beacon Street. stalks unchecked." It is what is called a village.

Perhaps he may, but at present it is the faint reminiscences, as of something strangest community. The oddest things known in - say the paleolithic age - happen without disturbing the serenity of or are you still ejaculating, "Now my fellow citizens. I suppose they have not who?" in unalloyed suspense? I confess to time to waste themselves on superfluous needing an introduction, or at least a "Fore- emotion. They might lose a minute from word to the Gentle Reader," but prefaces the business of their lives, which is, if you are out of date; wherefore I conclude mine. please, the booming of this blessed burg. I Won't you just please read in a page or two do not need to go farther back than last of repentance - anything that seems effec- night to illustrate my point. Fancy seeing tive - and let me pass on to something the man with whom one is dancing the cotillion taken to - but I anticipate. I am The simple fact is, my dear, that I no resolved to tell this story in order, as it should be told.

The cotillion! I can see you open your fact that one cannot lead two lives at once eyes at the word, and I promise you shall or belong to differing civilizations at the same open them wider before you are through. time; if one is in and of the West one has to There may be no roads yet built through the give up the East. Not that I mean to give great forests to the surrounding country; up you. I don't. I merely state a psycho- we may have to pay our afternoon calls to logical fact, and at worst my practise is our neighbors in boats, à la Venice; but we better than my theory; for I still, at long have the latest improvements, or we want and uncertain intervals, have relapses — to know the reason why. We fairly bulge "One day still fierce mid many a day struck with the overdone, extravagant, uncivilized calm." It's never safe to count me defi- civilization of the West. The electric light nitely out of your correspondence list, for and the cotillion are existing facts in South just when you are basking in fancied security Willapa, even if we have to use condensed milk at times in our coffee. Some of our You ask about this place; or, rather, you First Families may still be living in tents. did, so long ago that you are to be forgiven but the appointments at the club are perfect if your interest has quite ebbed. My dear, and the gentleman of color who presides I do not find it at all as the cowboy found over the refreshment department would do

I despair of making the situation at all "wide-open" town. The gambling houses and clear to you. One must see to appreciate, saloons run without intermission, and the It is the most inconsistent place, but its infootpad exacts his nightly tribute from the consistencies are delightful. We hold our unwary. But James tells me this is a very dances in a flimsy board hall ornamented gratifying sign of healthy activity, and that with the usual hideous false front of this it is a phenomenon which comes to all new section. The building is square and untowns in the West if they have any life. He adorned, quite guiltless of plaster or wallpromises to show me within two years a town paper inside and undecorated save for the as safe, if not as innocent, as a New England flags of many nations which deck the otherwise bare walls. The British flag used to

a checkered past behind him and (forgive herself. the pun!) a checked future before him.

sion of having been ground all out of the himself together again financially. tent and at times a bit awkward, despite the a new land than among the people he had of them. Their view of life appears to be a great many other certainties it would be are all one happy family, which, however is the granite in Robert Lindsay, and I expect not inclusive of our rival town, Inverness. to see him forge to the front yet. In the of social differences; or, to speak nearer dances the violin, for which she has a decided I, for one, have not the heart to awaken industriously bent on thawing), but I can

Some are of quite another stamp, and well present. They are frankly and cheerfully aware of the inconsistencies and rawnesses here; if they regret what they have left, court, though I will show you soon that my in his wife's name to avoid his creditors. claim to him is a very subordinate one) is

hang side by side with ours, but, in defer- in spite of themselves. He possesses that ence to a lately aroused public sentiment, combination of respect and audacity that has now been relegated to an inconspicuous goes so well in a handsome young man. place behind the piano. But if our sur- There was something of reticence and unfathroundings are crude we ourselves are the omed mystery about him that challenged pink of convention. Evening dress prevails interest. If he was a favorite of our sex it exclusively at the assembly, and the social was not because he put himself out to win line is drawn very distinctly, and, on the liking. He was more than a little distant whole, very wisely. We are a new community and aloof in his manner to most people. and doubtless mistakes have been made, but although he treated women with a politeness in time I suppose we shall arrive at the quite religious. Upon two of us he deigned survival of the fittest by the sifting process. to cast a kinder regard. Your esteemed Meanwhile it happens that the young man and delinquent friend was one of the favored who led the cotillion with me last night has two. The other deserves a paragraph to

· My dear, she is a charming Scotch girl, Many of the men at the assembly are not quite sincere and unspoiled. Her father at all the kind one has been used to meet in a was a Glasgow merchant, who went down social way. They are for the most part with the Baring Brothers at the time of the self-made men and do not give the impres- Argentine smash and was not able to pull same machine. Their individuality is insis- thought it would be easier to begin again in conventional evening wear. They have not always known, and came to South Willapa all the instinct for saying the right thing any because, of course, it is going to be a great more than their Eastern brothers. Shades city in the near future and the gateway of reserve are quite thrown away on many between Asia and America, not to speak of the primitive Garden-of-Eden idea that we treason to doubt. There is a good bit of They brush aside with large-hearted generos- meantime they are very poor, and Jessie ity all barriers of family, of education, and aids the family treasury by playing at our truth, they do not recognize their existence. talent. She has many reserves (which I am find none of our subtleties. She gives the impression of being unworldly without being enough acquainted with that life in the East unsophisticated. She is simple and straightout of which they have dropped for the forward as a man; for instance, one can see that she approves her father's rectitude in turning over all his property to the last dollar to his creditors. I quite tremble to they hide it remarkably well. But my young think what her judgment of us must be in a man (as James insists on calling Mr. Har- town where every third man is doing business

She is so very unlike us that she stimuunique among them all. He is an educated lates my interest - as well as Mr. Haryoung fellow and really appeared very worth court's. She has none of our indirectness while - the kind of man that women like and sinuous mental windings. Now, I think

capacity for sadness. Evidently she is one that went straight to the heart. The underto take life seriously, if not a bit austerely. standing between us was tacit and informal, She dresses very simply, but with a good but the fact that it was there emboldened one not to condone a lapse of honor in the did a few minutes later. man she loves. James says she is a girl to . I had been dancing a two-step with Mr. Harcourt is of the same mind, literally.

face in a social way with men of that kind. finds in the true Westerner. I thought they somehow belonged to a different world from us. After all this introduc- abruptly. tion I know you are dying to know what did happen. Having stimulated your curiosity to the proper edge, I now proceed to satisfy it.

was rather somber company, and his eyes showed deathly white. were wont to dwell more often than is polite to his partner on her who queened it among voice: the musicians. I was gratified to see that study him unobserved. He has a strong, town and I would not have had a fair chance.

I do know the American girl spite of her which are apt to fall, especially in repose, a indirections; I am one myself. But this is dogged moodiness - one might almost call a new type of which I have before had but a it a bitter sadness. But when he looks at passing glimpse. Of course, knowing me Jessie Lindsay his face lights up almost as if of old as you do, it is needless to tell you he were another and a better man. She that she has entirely won my heart. I am appears to have a wonderful influence over her devoted slave. Why the men do not all him, and I think she knows it. He is quite fall in love with her I cannot conceive. She frankly in love with her, and when he came has the sweetest face, with delicate shadows to attention after his lapses he took me into in the curves about her eyes that bespeak a his confidence with a shame-faced little laugh deal of natural taste. I should judge her him to ask of me the audacious thing he

"tie to," and it would appear that Lyulph Harcourt, and, as the room was insufferably hot, we moved out to the piazza that had If I remember aright, you were among the been built on the side facing the river. rest of my friends who thought, but politely When he saw us come out, a man started refrained from saying so to me, that I was quickly out of the shadow. He was lean and coming out here to be buried alive. Believe brown and resolute, the kind of man who me, you do not need to sympathize with me has learnt all he knows in the rough school in the least on that score. I have never of life that holds session twelve months of before been so fearfully alive, so close to the year in the New West. He was in the things that happen, as I have since coming prime of life, long-limbed and broad of shoulhere. Of course, I knew that men com- der, and wore a great Stetson hat. Though mitted crimes and went to prison for it, but his eyes were keen and hard, there were I had never expected to be brought face to about them the humorous wrinkles one often

> " You Mr. Harcourt?" asked,

The young man made a motion of assent. "May I see you a moment - alone?"

Lyulph Harcourt excused himself and stepped aside carelessly with the stranger. Mr. Harcourt is a good dancer, but I do Carelessly, I have written, he followed the not flatter myself unduly because he often man, but at the first word of the other he made his way to me. I knew he would much came to a sudden alertness. I saw him grip rather be dancing with another, were she not the railing of the verandah for support. In engaged in making the music for us. He the full light of the moon the young man

Presently I heard him say in a low, distinct

"I don't know how you tracked me, but he was punished for his negligence, for she you've come to the right man. I shot Soapy never recognized his existence. However, Doyle. I would have stayed to see it out, his absent-mindedness gave me a chance to but I knew his gambler friends owned the bold face with restless, daring eyes over You needn't worry about my making you

any trouble. under a false name, and I'll go back and a friend before I go - something I have got take my medicine gladly. I've got just one favor to ask of you. Keep your confounded irons off me for one hour while I say goodbye to a friend. I give you my word, if you care for it, to turn myself over to you at the end of that time to do with as you please."

The sheriff looked at him admiringly.

"You've got the devil's own nerve to stand there and ask such a thing of me," he told the young man.

doggedly; "but it is to your interest as well sheriff bluntly. "You may as well undernot a man to be driven. Let me have this time to find you, and I'd look all sorts of a Otherwise -"

Harcourt Beresford. 'dead or alive,'" concluded the sheriff, down to the launch and I'll take you out for grimly. "I'm not a man to be driven any a spin. I'll extinguish myself as much as I more than you are."

The eyes of the two men met like the flash of rapiers. The younger man was the first to speak.

"You're taking the same way with me that Doyle took," he said slowly, his face all hot with anger.

"Is that a threat?" asked the sheriff, calmly.

"No, it isn't. You're safe enough. There's another way out of the whole black business," answered Harcourt, darkly.

The sheriff shot a swift, keen look at him. "Well, we won't go into that. I don't of business rather than a pleasure jaunt, Mr. Beresford. I don't care anything about tion. Who is it you want to see?"

I'm sick of skulking about say there is something I have got to say to to explain."

"Oh, I see. Want to say good-bye to your girl, eh?"

Harcourt winced visibly at the man's wellmeant words, at the unconscious familiarity he dared not resent. He had to put a curb on his tongue, but he could not keep a touch of frost out of his voice. "You can call it what you will, so only you let me have an hour to myself."

"I'm not going to let you out of my sight, "I know I have," answered Harcourt, if that's what you mean," retorted the as mine. You may have heard that I am stand that first as last. I've had a hard heur and I'll come as quiet as a lamb. fool sneaking back alone now." Then, noting the disappointment which swept "You'll come just the same, Mr. Lyulph across his prisoner's face, he added: "But The reward reads I'll tell you what I'll do. You bring her can."

When Lyulph Harcourt and I reëntered the hall the dancing was over for the time and supper was being served. The young man made straight across to Jessie Lindsay and preferred his request. She looked surprised and shook her head, appearing to demur; but he beat down her scruples in a low-voiced torrent of protest. She fixed him a moment with those true, gray eyes of hers, divined it to be a matter of importance. and tossed aside the conventions so far as to agree providing he could get me to go along. The engaging young homicide bore down on mind telling you that I'm here on a matter me like a frigate in action, as they say in books.

His audacity overwhelmed me. Knowing Soapy Doyle. The state is a whole lot better that I must have heard what I had heard, he off without him. I shouldn't go in mourn- vet fronted me with the same cool assurance ing if somebody wiped out the whole outfit as of old. I could not bear to disappoint of them. But I've sworn to execute the law such sublime confidence. It is needless to and I propose to do it. At the same time I say what I ought to have done, my dear: I don't want to be harder on you than I need know better than you can tell me that I to be. Now about this good-bye proposi- should have declined to assist this reckless young criminal with the winning eyes so full "I don't know that we need go into of impending trouble. But I thought of names," answered the other, stiffly. "We'll another young man, at present away in

Seattle on business, who is not handsome mere form; I could not help but hear. tim of need. Besides, I may as well admit for home again. that I was moved to a great sympathy for ron, conciliating my better judgment with after all the West is very different from the East.

on the water usually are. Not a breath stirred, and the lapping of the water of the outrunning tide against the wharf piles was Alternate shine and plain to be heard. shadow marked the course of the river save the moon. The launch puffed its way down the river till nothing of the town showed but scattering lights on the hillside gleaming out like stars. In front of us the bay stretched away on either side black and sinister.

Lyulph Harcourt was slow to avail himself of the chance he had made. He leaned back against the upright post which supported the roof of the launch, his unabashed gaze fixed intently on the face of Jessie Lindsay till the splendor of color that is her natal heritage came and went beneath his hungry eves of fire. If his heart was bitter at thought of the expiation which lay before him, I believed that not the least reason was because he must give up her whom he had set his heart upon. I was in no position to judge how much this young man had done of evil, but I did know that no matter how he had sinned there were in him dormant possibilities of goodness doomed to no fruition by the past which had risen to mock him and to cast him forth from among his kind.

When he spoke at last he wasted no time in indirection, nor did he let our presence interfere with him in the least. We two outsiders might have been chorus to the play to him. He did condescend to lower his be spoken to by such as you. But that is in voice, but so far as I was concerned it was a the distant future. For the present I must

and yet has winning eyes, and I knew I sheriff stuck to his engine and paid no attencould not tell him when he got home that I tion to what passed. He had swept the had refused to help this young fellow in his launch round in a long curve and was headed

"I have been playing a coward's part the boy who had spoiled his life so madly. during the past months," began the young In short, I weakly consented to play chape- man abruptly. "I came here a skulker from justice, and I have passed myself off the incontrovertible but impertinent fact that for an honest man. I am like the gambler who plays with marked cards."

"A skulker from justice!" she repeated. The night was perfect, as moonlight nights with white face. "What do you mean?" There was that in her voice and in her eyes that told me there was one who would suffer more than Lyulph Harcourt himself in his

disgrace.

"What can I say that will not lose me all when scudding banks of clouds drifted across that I have gained? What say that will make me aught but one who has crept into your friendship like a thief in the night?" he cried, and beat his hand unheeding against the coiled iron chain by his side till the blood sprang from his finger tips. "I knew I had no right to take what you offered; I told myself I must 'dree my weird' alone, and that last of all I must bring her whom I loved into touch with my vile lot. All this I told myself, but I could not bring myself to bear the burden of my sins alone."

> She looked at him out of pleading eyes that winced in a divination of impending calamity, but demanded the truth unflinchingly; eyes in which he read that his dishonor was her shame too, and in that knowledge suffered joy and agony unspeakable.

> "You have not told me yet," she murmured.

"How can I tell you?" Then hopelessly he gulped it out. "I am a murderer tracked to earth. I start tonight for Snohomish under the custody of this man to expiate my crime. I shall be herded with robbers and cutthroats, branded with a number instead of a name, and loaded with ignominy. The good name of my fathers will be trampled in the dust. If ever I come out again I must for all the difference we appeared to make slink past as a marked felon, a thing not to be a shaven convict in a striped suit, one among many whom the commonwealth has found not worthy to be at large."

"Will you tell me about it?"

He looked at her, so dainty and so pure, with the fine reserved face and speaking eyes, and groaned as might one in hell who views the angels in heaven and all that he has missed.

explain away the hideous fact. I came west to one of the boom towns on the Sound, and I fell among thieves who drugged me with bad liquor and tried to rob me. I was sober enough to know what they were about and I fought them off. One of them - to intimidate me, I suppose - drew a revolver. I snatched it from him and shot him dead. In the night I escaped and made my way here, dropping my surname that I might not be known."

The launch steadily churned its way through the darkness and the lights of the town grew larger. Black masses of buildings rose up dimly before us.

"I met you, and found in the peace and simplicity of your home balm to my wounded soul. I came in time to love you and to believe that I might atone for the past by a better future. I see now how futile was my hope. It was inevitable that some day my folly must leap to life to strike down my hopes. My heart cries out in protest now at leaving you. I am not man enough to go away in silence without a word of cheer. In three minutes we shall be at the wharf and I shall be the prisoner of that man."

shivered in the moonlight.

anything in common between us. I can never blot your sight again."

"Oh, no - no!" she cried. "There are Wasn't he silly?

things worse than passion. What you have done is sin, but it is not shame. Cowardice and meanness and dishonor are the things not to be forgiven. I will be your friend if you will let me."

The launch shivered into the landing and Harcourt helped us ashore.

"God keep you, dear, for those words, if it is not blasphemy for such as I to say "There is nothing to be said that will it," he told her, humbly and reverently, and stooped to kiss her hand.

> Five minutes later the launch with the two men in it was again dropping down to the bay with the tide.

> (Extract from a letter written two months later.)

> My dear, we have met the enemy and they are ours. James Messiter's concluding speech to the jury for the defense was a triumph, if I do say it. When he sat down the judge had to pound with his gavel for silence five minutes by the clock. I felt so proud of him (James, I mean, not the judge), and when I got him home at last and told him all the nice things I had been saving, the Honorable James Messiter blushed like a schoolboy. The jury was out just fifteen minutes, and when the foreman said "Not guilty" there was another ovation.

They were married (neither James nor the judge this time, but Lyulph Harcourt Beresford and Jessie Lindsay) at the home of the bride the evening after the trial. If he is not good to her he deserves to be sent to prison for the remainder of his life, for she He waited, but she did not speak - only stood by him like a trump. But he will be. He thinks she is an angel from heaven and "I see," he said, bitterly. "I have put wants all his friends to marvel with him at myself beyond the pale. There is no longer his good luck. I was silly enough to shed What tears when he talked about her. have you to do with me and such as me! Harcourt isn't good enough for her. I told It will spare you shame that I am going to James so, but he said he had looked the that living hell which yawns for me, where statutes up on that point before he married me, and that it was no legal bar to a union.

FOUR NEW CHAUTAUQUA BOOKS.

BY MARY E. MERINGTON.

"Literary Leaders of Modern England," Nineteenth Century," by James Richard Joy; "A Survey of Russian Literature," by Isabel F. Hapgood, and "The Great World's Farm," by Selina Gaye. The little volumes are good specimens of bookmaking; the covers are tasteful, the print is clear, and neither in matter nor in size are they of a weight to discourage the reader.

THE UNKNOWN FIELD OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE.

Coming out when Muscovy and her future are topics of present interest Miss Hapgood's "Survey of Russian Literature" is a timely and welcome book. It covers the history of Russian literature from 988 A. D. through the writers of today and gives selections from authors who are as yet known only to those few who understand the Russian language. On the whole it is the most interesting of the tetralogy assigned to this year's readers, and will be eagerly read by the general public as well as by members of Chautauqua circles.

In the chapter which deals with the Ancient Period there is an immense amount of interesting matter concerning the games, ceremonies, and superstitions of the Slav, the solstitial sun-festival being, as in many other nations, one of the greatest events of the year. They that are curious can ascertain why Russians eat pigs'-trotters at New Year's tide, why the peasant will not cut cabbages on the twenty-ninth of August, and why there is a hollow in the sole of every man's foot: and they who care for historic beginnings may find them in the folk-tales and songs cited by Miss Hapgood. Russia, it seems, is rich in epic, religious, and ceremonial songs, the ancient religious ballads having no rhyme, the epic a regular tonic versification. The titles are as quaint as those of the productions of medieval Germany, "The Dove Book," "The Alleluia Woman," "The Monument-Not-Made-With-Hands to the Tzar Liberator," and "The Wanderings of the All-Holy Birth-giver of God,"being among the most striking.

Turgéneff and Tolstoi are known to the literate Saxon and Pushkin's verses have been made immortal by Rubinstein who has married them to the music of his songs, but behind these authors lies a terra incognita which offers delightful exploratio

REAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH ENGLISH AUTHORS.

It is a strange fact that the average person finds it difficult to state wherein one writer differs from another, to denote peculiarities of style in authors, or

HE C. L. S. C. Course of 1902 offers four to sum up the philosophy that dominates a man's works. attractive books to its subscribers; namely, The glib student states authoritatively that Wordsworth created a new era in poetry, but when it comes by W J. Dawson; "Ten Englishmen of the to saying just what this means he finds it hard to explain. Which is the people's poet, and why? What is the respective attitude of each toward Nature? toward Woman? toward Humanity? toward Love? Wherein does Browning's attitude toward the World differ from that of the other two men? What is the trend of their religious views? Define the philosophy of their poems. Why were Wordsworth and Tennyson (or, more hard to answer, why was Alfred Austin) crowned laureate to the exclusion of other poets? Such questions as these would pose hundreds of intelligent men and women who are well acquainted with Wordsworth and Tennyson and who are on speaking terms with Browning.

> In five short essays that treat of these three great hards and of their contemporaries Carlyle, and Ruskin, Mr. Dawson sets the reader thinking out answers to a host of critical queries. He is necessarily dogmatic, but after laying down the proposition that Wordsworth is the high-priest of Nature he proceeds to make his point clear with an extract from "Tintern Abbey." He says that Tennyson has proved himself the greater artist, Browning has proved himself the greater mind. and shows cause for his judgment. The intelligent reader, following his cue, will look for other passages to strengthen the same points, or if need be will dispute Mr. Dawson's dictum and prove his case with apposite selections.

The book is excellently planned and should be of great assistance not only to candidates for the seven seals, but to all students of literature. At the head of each essay is a three to twelve-line synopsis of the principal events in each man's life, giving in small type the dates of his birth and death and of the publication of his principal works, an excellent device for saving time and for impressing the memory. At the close of each chapter a few suggestive questions on the text are appended, also the names of standard works for collateral reading. It may be remarked, by the way, that this helpful plan is followed in all four of the 1902

MASTER BUILDERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

In line with these five leaders of modern English thought stand the ten Englishmen whom Professor Joy has chosen as being the master-builders of the great British Empire. Of these the Duke of Wellington and Gladstone are probably the best-known to the cis-Atlantic public, but to readers of Punch "Little

Johnny" Russell, "Pam," and "Dizzy" are house- This small periodical was published by the embryo hold names and figures, and it is suggested that C. L. statesman and three Eton schoolfellows. The West-S. C. circles will do well to look up old files of Punch minster boys, emulating their efforts, commenced The and make themselves familiar with the cartoons in Trifler, prefixing to their first number a caricature which Tenniel immortalizes these great statesmen. "Gone from the helm," where Britannia drifts about the wide sea in the boat from which Palmerston has just been taken by death; "All full," says Johnny who is conductor on the Parliamentary 'bus; "Old lamps for new," that shows Dizzy in the guise of a Jew peddler with three old hats on his head trading the crown of Imperial India with Queen Victoria who bestows on his the coronet of an earl; "H'm, flippant!" "Ha, prosy!" exclaim Gladstone and Disraeli in a two-panel picture which portrays them as buying and looking into each other's newly published book.

The Introduction to "Ten Englishmen of the Nineteenth Century," is an excellent résumé of a tremendous period in England's history, summing up in twentyfive pages of well-displayed paragraphs some of the biggest questions that ever agitated the country: The struggle with Napoleon, Catholic Emancipation, Railways, Parliamentary Reform, the Abolition of Slavery, Chartism, and the Corn Laws being among the topics that are treated. Then, in order to set forth the facts more fully, the medium of biography is chosen, and Wellington, Canning, George Stephenson, Lord John Russell, Cobden, Peel, Shaftesbury, Palmerston, Gladstone, and Beaconsfield, the great makers of modern England, are shown in their relation to the development of the nation.

The Iron Duke figures as the conqueror of Napoleon; Canning advocated Irish union, Abolition of Slavery, and Catholic Emancipation, - but resisted Parliamentary Reform; to Stephenson is due the glory of England's development through the invention of the steam-railway; Lord John Russell identified himself with liberty and reform; Cobden upheld Free Trade; Peel invented the modern policeman or "Peeler"; Shaftesbury, born with the century, was the champion of the working-classes; Palmerston made England's power felt abroad; Gladstone fought for Home Rule, and Disraeli made Queen Victoria Empress of India.

In the appendix Canning's well-known "Needy Knife-grinder" and Tennyson's "Ode on the Death of the Duke of Wellington" are given; also verses by Moore, Lord Lyttleton, Ebenezer Elliott, and Mrs. Browning, germane to the lives or the events touched on in "Ten Englishmen." It will be remembered that Wellington is honored in Longfellow's "Warden of the Cinque Ports." Those who can get hold of it should read Bret Harte's parody of "Lothair," which, as the writer remembers it, is a clever take-off of Disraeli's oriental love of sumptuousness and display.

On page 53 of "Ten Englishmen" reference is made to Canning's witty contribution to The Microcosm.

that represented the light Etonians as projected upwards in a balance while they of Westminster were borne to the ground by their superior weight.

Young Canning retaliated with this interpretation of the symbol:

> " What mean ye by this print so rare, Ye wits - of Eton jealous -But that we soar aloft in air. And ye are heavy fellows."

NATURE AT WORK.

In order to round out the minds of the circles, the fourth book of the series is totally different from those already noticed. Within a small compass Miss Gaye compresses a large amount of useful and delightfully interesting information on soil, water, climate, flowers, seeds, and insects, told in the simple fashion set by Canon Kingsley in his fascinating works on elementary science and the observation of nature. Miss Gaye follows his easy, conversational style which teaches without being didactic.

To be perfect, her book, "The Great World's Farm," needs more and better illustrations, but their insertion would of course enlarge the volume beyond its present handy size. In connection with the chapter on "Seed Scattering," Thoreau's "Succession of Wild Forest Trees" comes in appropriately as collateral reading, and somewhere among the files of the Popular Science Monthly is an article that tells of winged seeds that lose their pinions on small islands swept by winds that would carry them out to the groundless sea.

With the four required books and THE CHAUTAU-QUAN in his hands, it will be the reader's own fault if he does not end the year 1902 wiser and more critical than he began it.

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EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL.

"The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths" is a reprint of two addresses delivered before state normal schools at Greensboro, North Carolina, and Athens, Georgia, and an article contributed to a recent issue of the Atlantic Monthly, by Walter H. Page. The essays are an analysis of educational methods, past and present, in the South. From the author's point of view and he speaks as one having authority - it was slavery that retarded the intellectual development of the South. "The negro, at once the beneficiary and the victim of slavery, yet holds the white man, who was its victim and not its beneficiary, in economic bondage." The South, that is to say, not individuals but the common people, is from forty to eighty years behind the times, and the problem of the South is to develop this " forgotten man." The old-time idea of education, that it is a luxury for the few and of no necessity or utility to the masses, and the system of sectarian institutions, have both failed as popular educators. The necessity for, and the development toward, the coordinate training of head and hand, is traced, and already apparent results are pointed out.

The facts are clearly stated and the conclusions well drawn, and the perusal will well repay the student of economic, as well as educational history and development in the South.

[The Rebuilding of Old Commonwealths. By Walter H. Page. Price \$1.00 net. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co.]

Dr. Gladden's voice is always gladly heard for the unfaltering faithfulness with which he points the way to wider service, to the needs of the present age, and for the sincerity with which he walks therein himself. His latest book is made up of lectures addressed to students of the divinity school, Yale College, but the remedies he suggests for social ills are such as require wholehearted cooperation on the part of the laity. "If Society were articulate," he says, "its cry would be, 'What must I do to be saved?'" He offers an answer to this question by stating in his lectures what share the Church has with the State in caring for the poor, in looking after the unemployed and the criminal, in dealing with the insistent social vices, and with matters of education and city government. A valuable refer-

The reader who has likewise had his dreams of idealized social conditions become true, of a complex material civilization grown humanized and spiritualized, will feel himself justified, as he finishes his first reading of "Education and the Larger Life," in a happy hope that the Golden Age of his dreams is nearing, - is at hand. With a serenity that may be called classic and an earnestness that is in the true sense religious, the aims and methods of the education best fitted to achieve the true social purpose and thus bring in "the larger life" for all people are here resolved into their immediate and ultimate elements and discussed with a candor, a clearness, and a compelling persuasiveness that make the message of the book sound like herald music before the vision of a new heaven and a new earth rising upon man's intellectual world. The field traversed in the discussion extends from the kindergarten to a university whose doors are open not only to the youth sent up from the preparatory school, but also to the man and woman who need its beneficent service even more than does the well-trained youth. The reader referred to in the first sentence will wish that hereafter a test of fitness in educators for all the grades that connect and include kindergarten and university might consist in sympathetic understanding of the spirit and ideals of Mr. Henderson's notable volume, even if concessions must be made as to the time when some of those ideals become a part of the social process.

[Education and the Larger Life. By C. Hanford Henderson. \$1.30. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company.]

A series of books for home study, the object of which is indicated by the title "Self-Educator," must of necessity pre-suppose a capable mind and a zeal warranted not to falter. The volumes thus far issued in this series are "Latin," "German," "Chemistry," and "French." The greatest possible care has been taken by their editor, who is rector of the Free Church Training College, Glasgow, to furnish explicit directions for finding a direct path to such knowledge as may be attained in these specified subjects by the isolated student. Most teachers would also find suggestive help of value to themselves and their pupils in the saving of time by a perusal of these directions and an observation of the methods pursued in the instructions offered. A ence list of collateral works is offered in connection definite plan that involves both simplicity and comprewith the topic of each of the seven chapters. A.E. H. hensiveness may be discerned in the preparation of [Social Salvation. By Washington Gladden. \$1.00. these volumes. They will scarcely qualify their student Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company.] for special examinations, but, followed according to

directions, they would enable him to enjoy an intelli- the Year Two Hundred," that its author has arrived at gent interest in subjects of general study and help him to be ready for more rapid progress if wider opportuni-A. E. H. ties open before him.

[Latin. German. Chemistry. French. Self-Educator Series. Edited by John Adams, M. A., B. Sc. Ea. .75. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.]

RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL.

Certain hymns are favorites with each of us, whether they have made history for others or not. When one finds that his favorite hymn is historically famous as well, there is double pleasure. Titles in the collection of hymn stories now given to the public by Colonel Nicholas Smith indicate the human interest of the book. The "Te Deum Laudamus." "Art Thou Weary?" "Veni Creator Spiritus." The "Dies Irse." "A Mighty Fortress is our God." The great "Doxology." "Isaac Watts, the Founder of our Hymnology," and the story of his great Crucifixion hymn, "O Happy Day that Fixed my Choice." Charles Wesley's "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," including the striking experiences which inspired other of his great hymns. Anne Steele's popular Resignation Hymn, "Father, Whate'er of Earthly Bliss." The story of Cowper's "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," and the origin of several of his finer hymns, together with an interesting account of the life of his companion at Olney, John Newton, and the story of the famous Olney hymns, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." "Rock of Ages." "How Firm a Foundation." "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." "Son of my Soul, Thou Savior Dear." "Lead, Kindly Light." "Just as I am, Without one Plea." "Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide." "Nearer, my God, to Thee." "My Faith Looks up to Thee." "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." The clarion gospel song "Stand up for Jesus." "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." Spofford's pathetic hymn "It is Well with my Soul." Miss Havergal's notable consecration hymn "Take my Life and Let it Be." "Five Distinguished Lay Hymn-Writers." "Woman's Songs in Evangelism." A chapter full of peculiar interest. "Moody and Sankey Songs," giving many thrilling incidents illustrating the wonderful power F. C. B. of gospel hymns.

[Hymns Historically Famous. By Colonel Nicholas Smith. \$1.25 postpaid. Chicago: Advance Publishing Company.]

These are days when individual criticism is freely used, not to strengthen the foundations of faith in what have been for centuries accepted as truths of the Christian religion, but to eliminate as apocryphal or dissipate into thin air as purely imaginative one detail after another given in the New Testament record. Questions as to the authenticity and credibility of the gospels investigators, that one shrinks a little on reading in pression. The message of the "Code" is "Joy,"-

conclusions "which had never before been fully made known." These conclusions, as also his belief that the volume presents "the most complete record of events connected with the Christian religion during the first two centuries that has ever been presented to the public," seem to depend upon researches made in the Biblical Literature of the Congressional Library. The contention of the volume is that the Four Gospels were not written until late in the second century of the Christian era, and that before they were written there was no doctrine of the immaculate conception, the miracles, or the material resurrection of Jesus the Christ. The author admits that he differs in some important opinions from eminent German scholars, also destructive in their criticisms, but finds comfort in the fact "that they nearly all differ from each other." This fact has a cheerful significance also for those who more than half suspect that the zeal of the theological critic and iconoclast is not always in accord with exact knowledge or with the preliminary to the attainment of such knowledge, - the fair and open mind. The "will to believe " is as appropriate and indispensable in things of the spirit as in affairs of friendship or of business. A. E. H.

[History of the Christian Religion to the Year Two Hundred. Fifth Edition. By Charles B. Waite, A. M. Chicago: C. V. Waite & Co.]

"The Story of a Young Man" originally appeared in serial form in The Ladies' Home Journal. It is the life of Christ merely from the human standpoint, and to those who have learned to love that life from the narrative in the Four Gospels even the most gifted biographies of modern times fail to inspire similar interest and admiration. The only way to study Christ's life from an historical, literary, human, or divine standard is to search the Scriptures. "The Story of a Young Man" as a purely literary effort is smoothly written, though lacking in force and vigor of style.

[The Story of a Young Man (A Life of Christ). By Clifford Howard. Drawings by W. L. Taylor and T. Guernsey Moore. \$2.50. Boston: L. C. Page & Company.]

Mr. Lathbury's essays on the Beatitudes are anything but doctrinal, and voice that passionate cry after the Christian ideal in all things which many are uttering almost inarticulately. Mr. Lathbury shows in his last book a growing power to use delicately poetical prose which, if occasionally rough, is seldom highly colored or obtrusive, and never self-conscious. The passion and the rapture of his words ring true. So epigrammatic is his style that almost any sentence can be read apart from its connection with pleasure and have been discussed and settled so many times pro and profit. Occasionally the staccato note is prolonged,con, according to the convictions or prepossessions of but there is more hope for glowing than for dull exthe preface to a "History of the Christian Religion to that thing so sorely needed in this world, even among fected Manhood" are arranged in chapter-titles as These clear, gentle little essays of the home (thirtyfollows: The Doctrine of Joy, the Threshold of Joy. two of them) appeared originally in the New York Beatitudes of the Within: The Joy of Grief, the Joy of the Gentle, the Joy of the Earnest. Beatitudes of the Without: The Joy of the Righteous Love, the Joy of Vision, the Joy of Repose. The Celebration: The Joy of the Shining Mark, the Joy of the Immune, the Rapture. An Aftergleam: The Joys of the Redeemer. A few sentences, chosen almost at random, will show the spirit of this Henry Vaughn of prose: "The most surprising thing to angels must be those anomalous gatherings to inquire if there be a God and Heaven." . . "The power of noble habit! It cannot be overestimated; too much importance cannot be placed upon it. It becomes much easier of performance than bad habit, because it belongs to human nature, is a part of our being." "We are as fresh from God as the unblushing stars that shone over us last evening. There are fine and delicate things in human nature because human nature is divine nature." "Happiness is not in a change in circumstances, as so many fancy, but in a change in one's self. It is not in position but in disposition." "The joy must flow from within, outward, making a joyful environment." "We should cease preparing to live, and begin at once to live. To have joy today is to live today in the atmosphere of these Beatitudes. Do not wait for joy; do not wait to live, but enter this moment the life of heaven." "Self-sufficiency is suicide." " Mourning is connected with the birth of the soul out of darkness. It is pain that arises from the struggle to be divine." "God wipes tears from eyes wet with the sense of spiritual incompleteness, from eyes misty with failure to realize their finer visions." "There is the spurious peace of veiled conditions, narcotics that still the warning nerves." Humility "is not a morbid selfdepreciation, but a healthy aspiration." "All life, then, is simply this: a series of desires, and their fulfilment; desire on the part of man, fulfilment on the part of God." "The glad unsatisfied. . . ." "He takes the soul with all its paucity, and all its prayers, and pours it ineffably full of Himself."

V. Van M. B.

[The Code of Joy. By Clarence Lathbury, author of "God Winning Us" and "A Little Lower than the Angels." With prefatory verses and cover design by Mary A. Lathbury. 40 cents. Germantown, Pennsylvania: The Swedenborg Publishing Association.]

We are so continually having held above us high ideals that are too high or too ideal, that it is encouraging at last to come face to face with ideals as high as any, but yet well within our homely, every-day lives - ideals that sit with us by the fire, or go with us to our daily work, that for mother and wife, father and husband, brother and sister and child serve as fellow strivers for the perfect life. "Practical ideals," forsooth - the kind that help. So we lay down the second series of "Home Thoughts" by "C" (Mrs. the author quotes an opinion, stated in his "Great Boer

professing Christians. "The Ten Requisites of Per- James Farley Cox) with a resolve, not with a sigh. Evening Post, and are now collected into book form under the general divisions of "Two Spring Thoughts," "Of Parents and Children," "Of Husbands and Wives," "Chiefly of Women," and "Of the Year's End." If at times they disillusion, if at times they seem to aim too low, yet in the end we know that it is better to see clearly, and that the aim is highest of all that combines with unselfishness, love, and lofty purpose a calm reason and broadness of view. And we know that, after all, the little things are the big things.

> [Home Thoughts. Second Series. By C. \$1.20 net. New York: A. S. Barnes & Company.]

> "Bread and Wine" is the simple story of the Swiss peasant, Christian Valar, and of his wife Ursula; of the trustful, happy love that glorified daily toil and humble home; of the misunderstanding that came between them with its sequence of pain and sorrow, and of the dull Christian's slow awakening to the truth that love is the heart of life and that the common bread and wine of daily living may be as sacramental as the bread and wine of the Holy Communion. It is a simple story sweetly told, and its effect upon the mind is that of a devotional musing or of a favorite hymn heard out of a sunny distance. It is pleasant to know that its writer is connected with a hand-weaving industry in Haslemere, Surrey, where women and girls are employed under happy conditions in making beautiful materials. A. E. H.

> [Bread and Wine. By Maude Egerton King. \$1.25. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company.]

WAR TOPICS.

"The War in South Africa, Its Cause and Conduct." by A. Conan Doyle, is a valuable addition to the history of the Boer War. Dr. Doyle has attempted to collect all the Blue Books, tracts, pamphlets, etc., furnishing authoritative information, into one small volume. He is extremely frank, and much fairer in his statements than any Englishman could be expected to be. A single sentence from the preface epitomizes both the purpose and the conclusions reached: "In view of the persistent slanders to which our politicians and our soldiers have been equally exposed, it becomes a duty which we owe to our national honor to lay the facts before the world. No unprejudiced man can read the facts without acknowledging that the British government has done its best to avoid war, and the British army to wage it with humanity."

After a discussion of the Boer people and their history. the writer takes up the causes of the quarrel and the negotiations connected with it. The matter of farmburning is very freely and frankly gone over, as are also the concentration camps and certain of the more serious charges against the soldiers.

In the chapter on "The Other Side of the Question"

War," that the Boers were the victims of a great deal of slander in the press, and speaks in very laudatory terms of their soldier-like qualities and conduct on the field. The conclusions of his present investigation may be well summed up in the following paragraph:

"It is a painful fact, but the words could not possibly be written today. Had the war only ended when it should have ended, the combatants might have separated each with a chivalrous feeling of respect for a knightly antagonist. But the Boers, having appealed to the God of Battles and heard the judgment, appealed once more agains, it. Hence came the long, bitter, and fruitless struggle which has cost so many lives, so much suffering, and a lowering of the whole character of the war."

[The War in South Africa, its Cause and Conduct. By A. Conan Doyle. New York: McClure, Phillips & Company.]

"Naval Heroes of Holland," by J. A. Metz, contains a large part of the history of the rise of Holland to the position of the strongest naval force in the world, in the biography of four of ner greatest admirals, with two introductory chapters on "The Beginnings of a Navy"—which is traced to the herring fisheries—and the "Beggars of the Sea."&c. Anything concerning wonderful little Holland is interesting, and the history of her naval heroes reads like a fairy tale. Overwhelming odds not only seemed, but actually were, as nothing to those old sea "Beggars." The book is as interesting as a novel, and the reading of the deeds of heroism and patriotism will bring a thrill to the dullest heart.

Additional local interest is given to the book by reason of the fact that in the principal parts of the exploits of the Dutch as against the Spaniards they began what America has just finished, the elimination of Spain as a world-power, and by the recurrence of some of the names in our own recent war. S. B. S.

[Naval Heroes of Holland. By J. A. Metz. \$1.50. New York: The Abbey Press.]

Captain Mahan's "Types of Naval Officers," supplementary to his "Influence of Sea Power upon History" and his "Life of Nelson," presents in narrative form the professional lives of six great English admirals, laying stress upon incidents illustrative of the personal characteristics that made them what they are — permanent types of the naval commander, and, so, lessons in the fundamentals of naval organization and strategy. The contents make clear the plan of treatment:

I. Introductory.—Conditions of Naval Warfare at the Beginning of the Eighteenth Century.

II. Progress of Naval Warfare During the Eighteenth Century. Hawke: The Spirit.

III. Rodney: The Form.

IV. Howe: The General Officer, as Tactician.

V. Jervis: The General Officer, as Disciplinarian and Strategist.

VI. Saumarez: The Fleet Officer and Division Commander VII. Pellew: The Frigate Captain and Partisan Officer.

These six admirals had many points of contact with the history of our own country - the older men, indeed, being our fellow countrymen during the colonial period, while Saumarez and Pellew bore arms against us in the Revolution. All of them were prominent factors in the long struggle that began in 1739 over the rights of British ships in the Spanish waters of the New World, gradually involved all Europe, and ended in the expulsion of France from North America and the ultimate independence of the Thirteen Colonies. Hawke and Rodney, as types of their period, stand for the evolution of naval warfare in the eighteenth century and represent the element of change; the four others are the more conservative types of permanent forces and abiding features in the perfect naval organization. Nelson, as an individual genius rather than a type, is not included in the scheme.

The work is characterized by the same clearness and broadness of vision, the same impartiality and thorough technical knowledge that have marked the preceding productions of this eminent authority.

A. S. H.

[Types of Naval Officers. Drawn from the History of the British Navy, with Some Account of the Conditions of Naval Warfare at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century and of its Subsequent Development during the Sail Period. By A. T. Mahan, D. C. L., Ll. D., Captain U. S. N. \$2.50 net. Boston: Little, Brown & Company.]

FICTION.

If we were fascinated by Mr. Stoker's "Dracula," we shall be equally interested in his less gruesome but exciting and romantic "Mystery of the Sea." It is hardly fair to the author to say that in the first chapter the hero finds himself gifted with "second sight," that the story centers around a mysterious Spanish treasure lost on the coast of England from one of the ships of the Armada, and sought by generation after generation of Escobans, to whom it had been entrusted, until they clash with the quest of Gormala, woman seer, the English hero, and the American heroine. All this sounds crudely wild and improbable, but under the writer's skilful hand it becomes almost a matter of course, and we follow him breathless, but in sympathy. The character drawing is perhaps the weak spot of the book and we should dislike to think of the American heiress as typical, but we can forgive much to one who gives us so readable a story. A. S. H.

[The Mystery of the Sea. By Bram Stoker. \$1.50. New York. Doubleday, Page & Company.]

Mr. Brady enters a new field and gives us in "Hohenzollern" a romance of the days of Frederick Barbarossa. After choosing his fictitious characters he discovered that their prototypes actually existed in the old days of the German Empire, so it chances that we follow the adventures of Count Conrad von Hohenzollern, Countess Mathilda of Vohburg, Frederick of Hohenstauffen, and Henry Welf, the Lion of Saxony.

From Conrad and the Duke of Saxony spring the present reigning houses of Germany and England. Despite this "historical flavor" and the taste of the spirit of the day the writer disclaims the writing of an historical tale.

The action centers about Conrad von Hohenzollern, who, against all the world, follows true love until the higher call of duty raises him to an heroic renunciation. Knight, outlaw, king-maker and hero, brave, frank and loyal, his final reward and happiness are well-carned. In Barbarossa we behold a similar struggle between honor and a love less noble than that of Conrad—a struggle more bitter with no material guerdon. But if there is pathos in this strong emperor's ultimate generosity and we leave him only a man with the joy gone from his heart, yet we leave him victor over himself and ready for his future victories over others.

The carefully preserved unities of time, place, subject and action suggest the author's having written with eyes not unshut to the possibility of dramatization. Indeed, the narrative waxes almost too melodramatic in places. But the fact remains that Mr. Brady offers us a clean-cut, charming little romance, which, if it is lacking in subtlety, is strong in its straightforward unfolding of a good plot and in its clear presentation of characters.

A. S. H.

[Hohenzollern: A Story of the Time of Frederick Barbarossa. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. With Illustrations by Will Crawford and Decorations by Mills Thompson. \$1.50. New York: The Century Company.]

Mr. Sibley tells us a tale of the Indian Mutiny, in which the hero, an English officer, wins the love of Zanee Kooran, daughter of a rich and powerful rajah and a woman of Greece. She warns him and a few others of the impending uprising and, when the storm breaks, becomes deus ex machina in several exciting situations. The action centers upon the massacre at Cawnpore, the siege of Culpeedah, and the famous relief march of Havelock's column to Lucknow. No new light is thrown upon historical features and, outside of proper names, local color is decidedly wanting. The characters all lack individuality and the plot has none but chronological development. The style is primitive and stereotyped.

A. S. H.

[Zanee Kooran: A Romance of India in the Time of the Great Sepoy Rebellion. By Frederick O. Sibley. New York: F. Tennyson Neely Company.]

That of a man she loves and a man she loathes, the latter may prove the better husband to a woman, is shown in this romance of the Huguenot massacre. To save her Huguenot lover, Tignonville, and her household, Mademoiselle de Vrillac marries Count Hannibal, a noble high in royal favor, and of elastic faith. Instead of the misery which she has expected, the conduct of the man continually perplexes her,—one moment magnanimous, the next harsh and cruel. Plainly, the self-centered Tignonville is not intended for her, and interest soon falls on the count. The gradual evolution

of the wife's attitude toward her husband is both well argued and rational. First fearing him, she hates, loathes, tolerates, in time approves, and, at the supreme test, when, for the delivery of the count, her old lover is offered her by the infruited priesthood—the proposition being emphasized by a gaunt gibbet,—she ends by resigning her lover to his fate, and turning to her husband, Count Hannibal.

The handling of the historical material of the tale is a noticeable improvement over Mr. Weyman's first treatment of the St. Bartholomew massacre. It is pictured in awesome colors, without once becoming revolting. He is especially happy in the handling of a mob; his mob is churlish, savage, and always domitable. Strewn through the book are many choice bits of crisp word-painting, and the tale shows a growing tendency to keen analyses of motive which do not appear in his earlier works.

J. L. P.

[Count Hannibal. By Stanley J. Weyman. \$1.50. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.]

In giving to his latest novel the title "The History of Sir Richard Calmady," Lucas Malet suggests the serious fullness of her purpose, inviting a little of the patience that one must bring to Thackeray, for instance, or to any of the older writers whose fashion it is to start their heroes in infancy and carry them, for the reader, through the formative portion of their lives. Patience, however, in the case of Sir Richard Calmady is hardly conscious of itself, so quickly does it yield to an absorbing interest in the history and development of this child upon whom Fortune has lavished all gifts but one - the normal stature of a man. We watch him meet, one by one, the trials from which wealth and rank, love and care, are powerless to protect the sensitive spirit that animated a body cruelly deformed; we see the great soul of the man triumph in the end over the misery, hopelessness, and evil that a life of inev-Itable disillusion brings to him, finding his place of usefulness in the scheme of the world and winning a love and happiness that could never have been his without the struggle. The story, which in general setting and color reminds one of George Meredith's romances of contemporary English country life, is told with convincing truth and vigor, and deserves a high-place among the works of fiction of today. M. D. J.

[The History of Richard Calmady. A romance. By Lucas Malet. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.]

"The Rescue," by Anne Douglas Sedgwick, is one of the best stories of the year, without question. The art of the story teller is well known to the author, and the framework of the tale is so constructed as to lead the reader along from a very unpretentious sort of beginning, at a steadily increasing pace of interest as the plot progresses, up to a very fury of climax. If one reads half way into the book, he is almost certain to go the rest of the way before putting the book down.

self-centered Tignonville is not intended for her, and As for the story, the hero is of course wealthy, is interest soon falls on the count. The gradual evolution thirty years old and, as he thinks, a settled and con-

firmed bachelor. But he loses his heart—and head and everything else that could be lost—to an old photograph of a beautiful girl. The girl, when finally materialized, proves to be a widow, still handsome, with a pitiful past and a daughter old enough to furnish complications for at least two men, if not more. The force of heredity, developing in the daughter strong, if not altogether desirable, traits of the father whom she never saw, is made to furnish the motive power for the plot. And the "rescue" saves from the abyss—well, all four of the principal characters in considerable degree.

The story, merely as a story, is a good one; but the striking feature of the book is the analysis of motive. This is wonderfully well done, for we can prove from our own experience the truth of it at every point.

S. B. S.

[The Rescue. By Anne Douglas Sedgwick. \$1.50. New York: The Century Company.]

"Lepidus the Centurion: A Roman of Today," is the title of a weird, fascinating story by Edwin Lester Arnold. Contrary to the expectation aroused by the title, the story does not deal with old Roman days, except incidentally; but it concerns present-day English life. The peg on which the story is hung, the awakening of a member of an ancient civilization into the perplexing changes of today, is by no means a new one. But the author deftly introduces a complication that adds to the tangle of the plot materially beyond the mere physical development of the later age. Louis Allanby, the narrator of the story, is instrumental in awakening from his thousand-year sleep Lepidus, the Centurion, with the discovery that his own soul is the reincarnated spirit of Lepidus; and the working out of this situation to its dramatic ending is prolific of humor, satire, and dramatic effect.

[Lepidus the Centurion; A Roman of Today. By Edwin Lester Arnold. \$1.50. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Company.]

PORTRY

"At the Sign of the Ginger Jar" is the quaint title of a collection of verses by Ray Clark Rose, a Chicago newspaper man, which are delightfully fresh and thoroughly enjoyable. The subjects are most diversified, er bracing poems of sentiment and reflection, verses playful and humorous, ballads, rondeaus, and sonnets.

It is a wonder that any person who has ever felt the grind of the necessity for so much "copy" daily, muse or no muse, could have any poetry left in his make-up. But there is plenty of "ginger" in the "jar," and a few tastes will but whet the appetite for more.

WHEN ONE IS OLD.

When one is old one may forget
The ills that sear the heart and fret
The soul; old age may reconcile
Griefs that exalt, joys that defile,
And love that leaves the eyelids wet.

Along life's backward track are set Gray crossway signals marked "Regret," At which dim eyes may gaze and smile, When one is old!

How base will seem the quest we let Consume the years! The minaret Of fame's white temple, afterwhile, Will crown a lonely burial pile; And thus success and dust are met When one is old.

Or taste the following:

A CHRISTMAS WISH.

O, Santa Claus! I ask no toys
Such as suffice for grown-up boys;
No rings or smoking-jackets fine;
No presents of cigars or wine;
No pillows of unique design.
I do not ask for bonds or stocks;
For chased and gilded mantle clocks,
Nor even fine embroidered socks.
I only ask that you will send
The gracious presence of a friend. S. B. S.

[At the Sign of the Ginger Jar, Some Verses, Grave and Gay. By Ray Clarke Rose. \$1.00 net. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Company.]

"A man of mere cleverness," said Sidney Lanier,
can reach a certain point of progressive technique;
but after that it is only moral nature which can carry
him further forward, which can teach him anything."

That Robert Underwood Johnson is a man of far more than technical eleverness, is evidenced by his book of verse just issued by the Century Company. If it is the art of the poet to invest familiar things with new and ever renewed interest, then this man may, without question, lay claim to the gift. Mr. Johnson is a poet in the sense which means much to the literary trend of our opening century toward both truth and beauty. In his "Winter Hour," how he has vitalized to the soul's ear the sounds of earth — the mother's voice, the bed-time call, the half waking dream-music of our childhood!

"O silent hour that sacred is To our sincerest reveries!—

The summer bedtime, when the sky—
The boy's first wonder—gathers nigh,
And cows are lowing at the bars,
And fireflies mock the early stars
That seem to hang just out of reach—
Like a bright thought that lacks of speech."

The power thus sympathetically to transmit personal experiences, delicately to delineate Nature in her tenderest and most human moods, is the gift of only the essentially poetic nature.

Mr. Johnson is wonderfully felicitous in expression, and the reader is often surprised at the compassing of thought. Notice the two lines on Milton in the "Winter Hour":

"Milton's massive lines that pour Like waves upon a windward shore," or again on Wordsworth:

"Wordsworth's refuge from the crowd— The peace of noondays poised aloud,"

or once more on Browning:

"Browning, Knight of Song,—so made By Nature's royal accolade,— Whose lines, as life-blood full and warm Search for the soul within the form."

The book is lyric in impulse; but a wide range of form and meter is represented, from the ode-like "Italian Rhapsody," which appeared in the Allantic for March of this year, to the ballad on "Dewey at Manila." Some of the most notable among the lyrics are: "Love the Conqueror Came to Me," "An English Mother," "The Flower of Fame," and "The Dread Before Great Joy."

From time to time there comes before the reading public a name which holds within itself the prophecy of better things for the versification of the day. Among such names should be reckoned that of Robert Underwood Johnson.

G. A. P.

[Poems. By Robert Underwood Johnson. \$1.20 net. New York: The Century Company.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

The delightful people of the Norse mythology, from Odin and Balder down to the wonder-working dwarfs, seldom visit us in so friendly and familiar a fashion as in Abbie Farwell Brown's new book, "In the Days of Giants." Sixteen stories of their doings are here retold with an archness and grace that will help the younger reader to understand why it is that the Beginning of Things as recorded by the elder Northern folk is a treasure-store of poetic dreams and of music themes that roll a mighty magic across the years. A. E. H.

[In the Days of Giants. By Abbie Farwell Brown. \$1.10. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company.]

Penelope under any other name is just as charming as when she began her triumphal Progress into our affections. We who have followed her with enthusiasm from England to Scotland and Ireland, are glad to return with her to the vicinity of London and assist at her holiday masquerade as a Goose Girl at Thornycroft Farm, Barbury Green. We are rewarded for our persistent friendship by being admitted with her to "the pathos of a poultry farm" and to the delicate intimacies of its delights as well. The vibrations of a suppressed but irrepressible love affair seem to make the poultry farm more enchanting than it would otherwise have been.

A. E. H.

[The Diary of a Goose Girl. By Kate Douglas Wiggin. \$1.00. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Company.]

"The Merry-Go-Round" is a delightful collection of jingles by Carolyn Wells, and will be an attractive addition to holiday literature. The rhymes of Miss Wells, which she frequently contributes to current magazines, are such a distinct type of humor that a collection of them in book form is cordially welcomed. The humor is sometimes a little subtle for children, but nowadays the jingle-maker must entertain the old as well as the young, and the public seems to demand that the simplest rhymes must reveal the hand of genius. "The Merry-Go-Round" will bring amusement to any one from six to sixty — maybe more. The illustrations by Peter Newell add much to the effectiveness of the rhymes.

G. M. B.

[The Merry-Go-Round. By Carolyn Wells. Drawings by Peter Newell. \$1.00. New York: R. H. Russell.]

People who feel that they lack time to study with proper deliberation the writings of Herbert Spencer—and there are many such people—will find in the volume "Spencer and His Critics" an account of the distinctive teachings of that philosopher with citations from the arguments or rejoinders of his most notable critics. It is an example of that unusual aid to the busy reader, the one volume that offers the selected values of several.

[Spencer and His Critics. By Charles B. Waite, A. M. Chicago: C. V. Waite & Co.]

Mr. Dixon has produced a book with which few readers will agree unreservedly, and with which few will fail to agree on some of the main issues. The tale, divided into three books, is such that it is difficult for a reviewer to lay hold of any thread that embraces completely the action of the story. Beginning in the second book is the love theme - the struggle of a young politician, representing the ideals of the New South, for the daughter of a prejudiced, but noble old Confederate general, whose ideals represent the spirit of the Old South. Throughout the remainder of the book this contest alternates with the fiercer political strife. Among the subordinate characters, the strongest is Tom Camp, the broken soldier and poor white, who has suffered all his life from the negro. The North is well and justly rebuked in Susan Walker, reformer, and the Honorable Everett Lowell, who granted George Harris, of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame, "equality with a reservation." The expedient of resurrecting Simon Legree, though the point made is undoubtedly good, is hazardous. The negro, and his place in the republic is, of course, the issue, and the two things Mr. Dixon continually places before us are that "One drop of negro blood makes a negro," and that "You cannot build in a Democracy a nation inside a nation of two antagonistic races. The future American must be an Anglo-Saxon or a Mulatto." In most cases he has treated the negro with justice, and, if he has shown his worst types, he has also given us his best. In form, the book is more of a dramatic essay, with a woof of love story, and is plainly, both by the frequent introduction of oratory, and the striving after oratorical effects, the work of a public speaker. Perhaps the tale will be best heard when dramatic readers begin to use it.

J. L. P.
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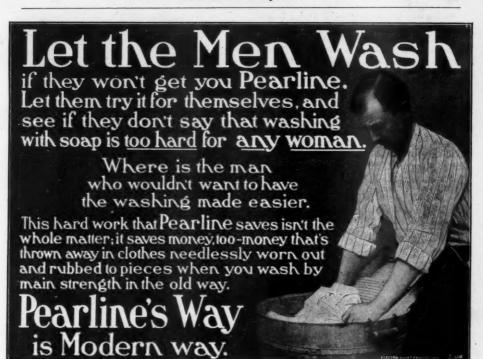
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DOMESTIC.

July 7 .- Nine thousand Chicago freight-handlers go on a strike.

8.-The plan for a national fund in aid of striking miners is approved by President Mitchell. Harry Tracey, the escaped Oregon convict is still at large with a posse of several hundred men in pursuit.

9. - Secretary Hay secures promises from the allied powers to vacate Tien-Tsin. Negotiations for a Panama canal are begun at the state department.

11 .- One hundred and twenty-five miners are reported killed in a mine explosion near Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Secretary Root receives the Vatican's note on the Philippine friars, but will consult the president before replying. General Davis turns over to General Sumner the command of the American troops in Mindanao.

12 .- Secretary Root refutes the charges of proselyting made against teachers in the Philippines.

14.- The Peary relief expedition sails from New York. The president reprimands and retires General Jacob H. Smith on account of the "kill and burn" order given to Major Waller in the Samar campaign. Nearly eleven thousand deaths from cholera are reported in the Philippines. Forty miners are killed by a powder explosion at Park City, Utah.

16. - Governor Taft delivers the American reply at Lieutenant Cook.

Indianapolis, President Mitchell speaks against a general strike order for the bituminous coal miners.

19 .- The convention decides against a general strike and adopts President Mitchell's suggestion in regard to raising funds for miners now out.

20 .- A wind-storm in Baltimore inflicts much damage and kills eleven people. The pursuit of the outlaw, Harry Tracey, is abandoned after a cost of \$10,000 and several lives.

21.- The cholera epidemic is decreasing in Manila and the provinces.

22 .- Major Edwin F. Glenn is found guilty of administering the water-cure to Filipinos and is sentenced to one month's suspension from duty and a fine of fifty dollars. Governor Nash, of Ohio, calls a special session of the legislature for August 25 to provide for the government of municipalities (the supreme court having set aside existing laws) and to repeal the Royer act which almost wholly deprived the supreme court of jurisdiction. Twenty-three thousand acres of the Siletz Indian reservation in Oregon are opened to settlement.

23 .- The president's retirement of General Jacob H. Smith is held strictly legal by the war department.

26 .- President Roosevelt approves the court-martial sentences of Major Glenn and Lieutenant Ganjot for cruelty to Filipinos, and disapproves the acquittal of

27.-Professor Alcée Fortier, professor of romance 17. -At the United Mine Workers' convention in languages at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisi-

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30.—Three policemen are seriously injured in a clash with anthracite miners in Shenandoah, and two regiments and a cavalry troop are ordered to the scene. New York and Iowa declare for Roosevelt for president in 1904.

31.—Federal Court Judge Keller yesterday, in Charleston, West Virginia, at the instance of the Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency Company, enjoined President John Mitchell and one hundred and fifty other members of the United Mine Workers from interfering with the operating of the company's mines by menaces, threats, or intimidation of employees. Several California towns are damaged by earthquakes.

August 3.—The eighth regiment, N. G. P., is attacked by strikers and one soldier injured by a stone. Commissioner-General Sargent issues a circular stating that residents and natives of Porto Rico and the Philippines must undergo the same examination as other alien

immigrants.

FOREIGN.

July 5.—King Edward gives dinners to six hundred thousand people in London.

7. - Venezuelan rebels win another victory.

8.—Rain breaks the drought in India. Barcelona is partly in the hands of the Venezuelan revolutionists.

 Cholera is spreading among the Chinese in Pekin. A fresh eruption of Mt. Pelée is reported.

12.—The Marquis of Salisbury resigns the premiership of Great Britain, and Arthur J. Balfour is appointed to succeed him.

13.—Liang Chen Tung is appointed Chinese minister at Washington to succeed Wu Ting Fang.

14.—Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, British chancellor of the exchequer, resigns. The king's condition improves. The Campanile of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice falls in ruins. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy arrives in St. Petersburg on a visit to the czar.

15.—An American company is given permission by China to build a railroad from Hankow to Canton.

16.—The king is removed to the royal yacht bound for the Isle of Wight. Fears are expressed for his recovery. Sir Arthur Lawley, governor of Western Australia, accepts the lieutenant-governorship of Transvaal and the Orange River Colony.

17.—The Chinese foreign office accepts the terms of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Pekin.

18.—The coronation is officially set for August 9. The resignation of Earl Cadogan, lord lieutenant of Ireland, is announced. The Cuban republic has been formally recognized by the United States, Great Britain, France, Spain, Switzerland, Haiti, Nicaragua, Costa Ricu, and Guatemala.

21.—It is reported from Panama that the revolutionary leader, Herrara, is willing to accept terms of peace. The pope receives Governor Taft and discusses the friar question. The disturbed condition in Haiti grows worse. It is said Emperor William proposes to decorate three hundred Americans for courtesies extended during Prince Henry's visit. The steamship Primus, of Hamburg, is sunk by a tug on the River Elbe and fifty are supposed to have perished. The Italian minister of fine arts considers it desirable that the Campanile be rebuilt solely by Italian subscriptions, and that the foreign donations be used for a temple of human fraternity.

23.—The United States gunboat Marietta is ordered to the mouth of the Orinoco river to protect American shipping interests. The closing of primary schools kept by religious societies causes riots in Paris.

24.—President Castro returns to La Guayra from Barcelona, preparatory to attacking the insurgents at Valencia. The king's health is reported improving, but there is still danger.

25.—President Loubet signs a decree for closing the additional unauthorized church schools in Paris, and public excitement continues. England and Japan agree to maintain the independence of Korea in return for concessions.

26.—President Castro retreats to Caracas. Diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Italy are resumed.

27.—Insurgents under General Mendoza defeat reinforcements on their way to Castro. Despite warnings against anarchy Emperor William intends to visit Posen, Prussian Poland, for the army maneuvers in September.

29.—Secretary Chamberlain makes his first appearance since his cab accident. The king of Italy will visit

the emperor of Germany, August 22.

30.— The pope approves the policy of Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, in not interfering in the religious disturbances in France. The revolutionary feeling is growing in Macedonia and Albania. Cholera is increasing in Cairo.

August 1.—The conference of colonial premiers in London considers the tariff and shipping questions.

OBITUARY.

July 8.—Edmund J. Cleaveland, genealogist, dies in Hartford, Connecticut.

10.—General Calvin H. Frederick, aged seventy-four, dies in Omaha.

Mrs. Alexander Hector, novelist, dies in London.

15.—Privy Councillor Emmanuel Hermann, said to be the originator of post-cards, dies in Vienna.

16.—Reverend John S. Brown, aged ninety-six, dies in Lawrence, Kansas. He was one of the few survivors of the famous Brook Farm experimenters, probably the oldest Unitarian minister, and the oldest member of Phi Beta Kappa in the United States.

17.—General Charles H. Smith, U. S. A., retired, dies in Washington of apoplexy, aged seventy-five.

20.—John W. Mackay, financier, dies in London.

24.—Right Reverend Robert W. Barnwill, Episcopal bishop of Alabama, dies in Selma, of appendicitis.

25.—Reverend T. C. Reed, president of Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, dies at the age of seventy-six.

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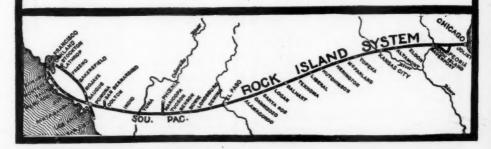
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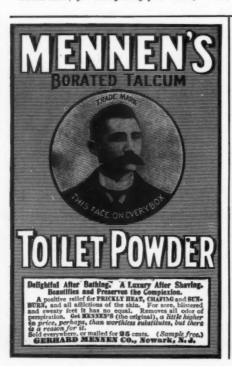
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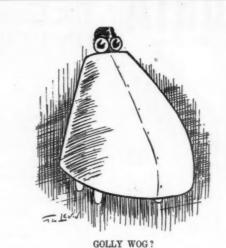
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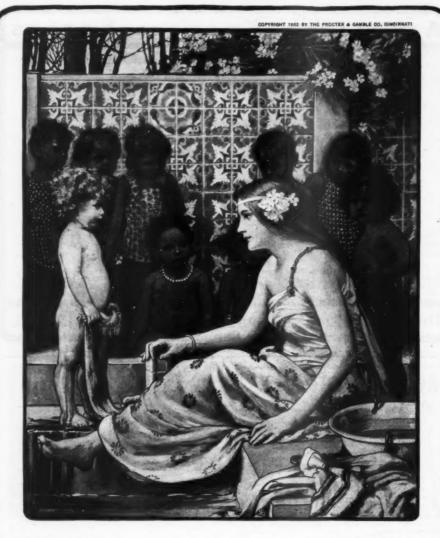
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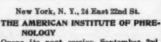
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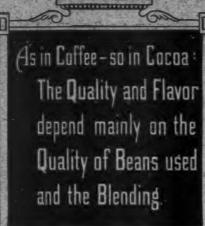
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